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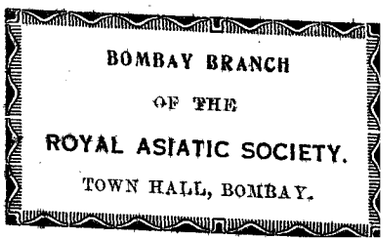

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CHAPTER I.

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General and Political.

Status and Situation.

1. The Vala State as stated in the previous Administration Reports is a 3rd Class State in the Gohilwad Prant in Kathiawar with an area of 190·3 sq. miles and is bounded on all sides with the Bhavnagar State, Chamardi Thana and the villages under the Baroda State.

2. Vala—the ancient Valabhipur—is the Capital of the State and is situated on the river Ghelo or Utavli. It is about 22 miles north-west of Bhavnagar, 16 miles north of Songadh Civil Station, the head-quarters of the Gohilwad Prant and 11 miles north-east of Dhola Junction on the Bhavnagar Railway which is the nearest railway station. There is a good metalled road about 11 miles in length with culverts all along except at one place near Umrala in the Bhavnagar State limits between Vala and Dhola, where the Kalubhar a very large river passes. During the monsoon when the river is in flood, the traffic is generally stopped and the river becomes unpassable. If His Highness the Maharajah of Bhavnagar is pleased to take up the matter and make arrangement of bridging the river it will be a great blessing to the public in general.

3. The matter of the closing of the channel by the Bhavnagar State near the village of Rampur at the boundary of Bhavnagar and Rampur which was a grievance of the Bhayats of Rampur and a fear of devastation of their village of Rampur as alluded to in para 2 of the last year's report is allayed, as the Bhavnagar State after some correspondence for about 8 years took up the matter and a contract is let for the construction of a bridge of 2 spans of 20 feet each at the spot where there was a channel before. The project was approved of by the Agency Engineer on a reference by the Vala State and the work has commenced and will be finished at the end of June 1916. This will relieve Bhavnagar of further responsibility in the matter.

Villages.

4. The Vala State consists of 46 villages, of which 40 are under the jurisdiction of the State and 6 are under the British Jurisdiction. The State enjoys the revenue rights only in the latter villages, the Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction is exercised by the British officers of the Gogha Mahal.

Population.

5. The population of the State, according to the last Census, is 13,011 souls—6,731 males and 6,280 females. The population of the town of Vala alone is 3,989 souls—2,021 males and 1,968 females.

Country.

6. The Country is generally flat, the soil being partly black and stony and partly alluvial.

Rivers.

7. The principal rivers in the State are Ghelo, Utavli, Keri and Kalubhar but there remains no water in any of them except during the rainy season.

Grass Bids.

8. There are five grass bids : 2 at Vala, 1 at Moti Dharai, 1 at Nasitpur and 1 at Chada.

Forests.

9. There is no forest in the State ; but there is a large and good plantation of Mango, Gunda and Jambu trees in Kamlej, Undvi and other villages under the British Jurisdiction.

10. The expenditure on the above plantation during the year Samvat 1971 was Rs. 2054 as against Rs. 3525 in the past year while the receipts amounted to Rs. 5030 as against Rs. 7600 in the preceding year.

Revenue.

11. The gross revenue based on an average of the past 5 years is Rs. 1,74,258.

Harmony of Religion.

12. Notwithstanding the greater part of the population being that of Hindus and only a few Mahomedans, it is gratifying to note that there has never been a case of ill feeling or disturbance between the two communities during their respective holidays.

Railway.

13. The construction of a light Railway or electric Tramway between Dhola and Vala is a real necessity and it is hoped that His Highness the Maharajah Saheb of Bhavnagar will be pleased to construct a branch line if the Agency would be pleased to bring the matter to His Highness' notice.

Sanitary Condition.

14. Although the failure of the monsoon and the year being of scarcity, the sanitary condition of the people and of the animals remained good throughout the year. There

was no epidemic. The prevailing diseases were fever, malaria, cough, diarrhoea billiousness &c. There was no sort of sickness among the cattle.

Water supply.

15. Generally there is scarcity of water for drinking purposes and the more so, owing to the failure of the monsoon.

Tribute.

16. The State pays Rs. 13,292-0-6 to the British Government as under :—

Rs. 6854-0-0 for Gaekwar Peshkashi
„ 2348-0-0 Junagadh Zortalbi
„ 4090-0-6 Jumabandi on Zillah villages.

Political Status.

17. The State is a 3rd Class State in the Gohilwad Prant under the Kathiawar Political Agency. Thakor Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji Gohil is entitled to the official visit and return visit to and by His Excellency the Governor of Bombay.

Jurisdiction.

18. The State enjoys the jurisdictional powers of a 3rd Class State. In 40, out of 46 villages, the State exercises the powers of a 3rd Class State i. e. passes sentences upto 7 years rigorous imprisonment and fine upto Rs. 10,000 in criminal matters and hears civil suits upto the value of Rs. 20,000. In the remaining 6 Zilla villages, the Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction rests with the Zillah Courts, while the full revenue jurisdiction is being exercised by this State.

The Chief and his family.

19. Thakor Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji Gohil has received his education at the Rajkumar College Rajkot. He has been away since 16th November 1914. He now resides in Surat since 3rd March 1915. The administration of the State is conducted by his Kamdar.

Progeny.

20. The Chief has 2 sons and a daughter. The latter was married to the Raj Saheb of Vankaner some 11 years ago and she is the mother of the heir-apparent of Vankaner. Of the two sons, the heir-apparent Kumar Shri Gambhirsinhji is now 26 years of age. He was sent to England for his education and studied at the Harrow School. Also he has completed the course of instruction at Dehra Dun. He is at present invested with the powers of a 3rd Class Magistrate in the State since 7th January 1916.

The second son Kumar Shri Mangalsinhji is 20 years old, has completed his course at the Talukdari Girassia School Wadhwan, but unfortunately failed to pass the School Final examination twice. He was anxious to join the Cadet Corps, Dehra Dun, but the institution has been at present closed

owing to the war. He was sent to Rajkot to take military training with other Kumars under Captain Bala Sahib Dafle for four months during the last monsoon and on his return to Vala he attends the Hazur Office since October 1915 and sits with the Kamdar to learn office work. He has two sons Kumars Shri Kanaksinhji and Jasvatsinhji, the former is 3 years and the latter is about a year old.

History of the State.

21. A detailed history of the State is given in previous reports of the State and it is needless to repeat it here.

Visit of the Political Agent.

22. W. P. Cowie Esquire B.A., I.C.S., Political Agent, Gohilwad Prant, visited Vala twice during the official year under report, 1st on the 28th October 1915 and halted for 4 days. Again he paid a flying visit on the 29th March 1916. On the morning of the 30th March 1916 after distributing prizes to the girls and boys of the schools at Vala, performed the opening ceremony of the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital Building in the presence of a large assembly. Really speaking the completion of this building owes its inception to that Officer. Owing to his very kind and sympathetic suggestion the completion of this building was undertaken and completed in 6 months, as it remained unfinished since 1909. The completion of this building with out-houses, compound wall &c at a cost of about Rs. 12,700 has greatly relieved the want of the public which was felt for some years. The Political Agent left for Songad on the evening of the 30th March 1916.

Alienation and boundary disputes.

23. Over and above the boundary disputes with Baroda settled last year one more such verification was made during the year under report.

Relations with Bhayats.

24. All the outstanding disputes with the Bhayats remained pending for 3 years in the Rajprakarni Court and the Bhayats did not appear on appointed dates and ultimately *ex parte* decisions were passed. In April 1915 these disputes in 38 suits were amicably settled by the Kamdar in their and their Vakil's presence and their relation with the State since then continued to be cordial during the year except in one matter that there are 2 schools one at Rampur and the other at Pipli maintained by the Bhayats since the last 5 years. Owing to the failure of the monsoon, the Bhayats took advantage and put all sorts of obstacles for closing of the schools in order to save the expenses on the ground that the cultivators do not wish to send their boys to schools and kept the schools closed from August last and re-opened in the winter but less than half a dozen boys attend the school at each place at present. Steps are being taken to send more boys. The Bhayats of Vala are well-

known litigants in sending petitions all round to the Agency and making a clamour for even a very trifling matter.

25. In the Bhayati Court, there were 10 disputes in arrears of previous years; 5 were filed during the year, making a total of 15; out of which 9 were decided during the year, leaving 6 disputes at the end of the year. Out of these 6 disputes, 2 are of the year 1915-16, 2 of 1914-15, but two are very old; one is of 1879-80. The attention of the Rajprakarni Court is drawn to decide this dispute at an early date. The dispute of 1904-05 is referred to a Punch. Several postponements were granted. The Punch is warned to take up the matter early.

CHAPTER II.

Administration of Land.

Revenue year.

26. The revenue year of the State began on Kartak Sud 1st Samvat 1971 corresponding to 20th October 1914 and ended on 7th November 1915.

The land produce which this report represents is therefore for the Samvat year 1971 and the revenue and expenditure are for that year.

Rainfall.

27. The rainfall during the year Samvat 1971 i.e. 1914-15 was 22·92 inches.

28. The rainfall during the year under report was 16 inches 45 cents as against 22 inches 92 cents in the previous year. The average of the last five years is 20·89 inches.

Though the fall of rain in Vala this year, itself seems to be rather somewhat favourable, yet it was not well distributed and as there was a long break in the whole of August, the prospects of the year were quite hopeless. The Agtar produce of juwar and bajri was something less than 2 annas in the rupee; that of cotton, which is the chief produce of the State, was only 4 pies in the rupee, the Pachhtar produce of wheat was 6 annas in the rupee. Owing to late rains in September and October great hopes were entertained of good crops of cotton and wheat but our hopes were frustrated. The late rainfall completely spoiled the cotton crop. Instead of 30,000 maunds of cotton which is an outturn of a good year, only 650 maunds were produced which is the chief reason of falling off of the revenue.

Nature of land.

29. The country is generally flat. The State is divided into two main divisions—eastern and western. The eastern division consists of alluvial soil known as Bhal,

where wheat is grown without irrigation. The western half is ordinarily black soil where irrigation is done by wells. Sweet water is not available in the former, that division, therefore, is entirely dependent upon timely good fall of rain. Unfortunately there was very scanty fall of rain in this division and thus the State lost the produce of 5 villages. The out-turn of wheat in a good year was 800 Kalsis but this year only 325 Kalsis were produced. Also the prices were low. Last year white wheat was sold at Rs. 55 to 59 per Kalsi and the red wheat at 50 to 52 per Kalsi. This year the price of white wheat realized was Rs. 47 to 49 and of the red from 39 to 43 per Kalsi. This will be the falling off of the revenue to be accounted for in the next year's revenue and thus the State was obliged to borrow money from Government.

Water supply.

30. Generally there is scarcity of water for drinking purposes in the eastern division of the State. There are tanks which supply water during the greater part of the year, but all depends on good fall of rain. This year the rain being very scanty there was no water in any of the above tanks. The work of deepening of the tanks in the Bhal villages is taken in hand which work will prove beneficial during the good rains in future. Cultivators and other people were leaving the Bhal villages during the hot season for want of water. By deepening of these tanks the cultivators will stay in their villages.

The following tanks are deepened in the Bhal villages :—

1. Kalyanpur.
2. Meghvadar.
3. Virdi.
4. Anandpur.
5. Rajpura.
6. Rajpipla.
7. Palanpur.

31. The silt in some of the tanks were not cleared since 1900 and the tanks had become shallow pits. During the hot weather the people of the villages were going away for field work elsewhere owing to scarcity of water and returning before the monsoon. Now if the tanks are full, the people would remain within their respective villages which would add materially to the comforts of the people residing there.

Water works at Vala.

32. The water works at Vala continued as usual to supply water to the Darbargadh and the garden. The work of deepening of the tank at Vala is also taken in

hand. This is a very large tank and would contain a very large quantity of water.

Agricultural condition.

33. The condition of the cultivators was good throughout the year; Needy cultivators however were given aid in the form of advances for kos, varat, seeds, bullocks and a few were given grain for maintenance also. In spite of the unfavourable aspect of the year the agricultural stock fared well, and the State supplied grass to needy cultivators who were short of fodder at a reasonable rate from the State storage.

34. As was stated in the last year's report a major portion of the outstanding dues has had to be written off. Recovery of remaining portion is being effected gradually bearing in mind the condition of the cultivators.

Crops.

35. The chief produce of the State are juwar, bajari, cotton, wheat, til, and pulse.

Land Revenue.

36. The land revenue during the revenue year Samvat 1971, (20-10-14 to 7-11-15) was Rs. 1,88,524.

Storage of fodder.

37. In order to meet a famine contingency all surplus good grass of the State bids was ordered to be stacked and not sold. At the commencement of the year under report, the State had 15,00000 bundles of grass. This storage has really proved to be useful and the State could help the cultivators in the present year of scarcity without having had to purchase any grass from outside.

CHAPTER III.

Protection.

Legislation.

38. The State, has adopted the spirit of the British civil and criminal laws in all the Courts and in minor matters such as registration and the like the State has enacted its own rules.

Military.

39. There is no military force in the State.

Police.

40. The Police consists of one Fouzdar. Formerly there were 20 mounted and 50 foot police, but at present there are 13 mounted and 33 foot police, which force is considered sufficient for our requirements at present.

Working of the Police.

41. The total number of offences reported during the year under report is 103 as against 109 of the previous year and that of the accused arrested and sent for trial was 92 as against 93 in the past year. Out of 92 brought to trial, 34 were

convicted, 54 acquitted or discharged and 4 remained under trial thus giving a percentage of 36·95 as against 24·7 in the previous year.

Stolen property.

42. The aggregate value of the property alleged to have been stolen was Rs. 679-15-0 as against Rs. 401-7-4 in the previous year. The amount recovered during the year under report was Rs. 450-13 3 as against Rs. 142-4-3 in the past year, thus giving a percentage of 66·3 as against 35·43 in the previous year.

Crimes.

43. Particulars of crimes committed, detected and punished, are given in Appendix VII. There was no serious offence during the year under report.

Civil and Criminal Justice.

44. Until December 1915 there were two Courts for the civil and criminal justice viz., Nyayadhish and the Sir Nyayadhish but in January last one more Criminal Court was established and Kumar Shri Gambhirsinhji the heir apparent has been invested with the powers of a 3rd Class Magistrate. The Hazur Court is the final appellate Court. Appendix VIII deals with the number and nature of offences reported to the criminal courts. It will appear from the statement that these offences comprised 92 persons of whom 34 were convicted, 35 acquitted, 19 discharged as against, 23, 48 and 22 respectively in the previous year while four remained under trial at the end of the year.

Criminal appeals.

45. There were 2 appeals against the Nyayadhish's Court (Appendix IX) and the sentences in both of them were confirmed. One criminal revision was filed in the Hazur Court, during the year and it was finally withdrawn by the party.

Civil Suits.

46. The number of civil suits filed during the year was 37, of an aggregate value of Rs. 5728 (Appendix X).There was a balance of 7 suits making a total of 44. Out of these 44, 38 suits of an aggregate value of Rs. 4578 were disposed of during the year leaving 6 suits in arrears. The average duration was 2 months 24 days.

Execution of decrees.

47. Appendix XI shows that 343 applications for execution of the decrees of an aggregate value of Rs. 53760 were on the file during the year, of which 315 of an aggregate value of Rs. 48782 were disposed of, leaving a balance of 28 undisposed of at the end of the year.

Civil appeals.

48. During the year under report 7 appeals were filed in the Sir Nyayadhish Court, all of which were disposed of, in which the decisions in 2 were confirmed, in 1

reversed, in 2 amended and 2 were compromised. The Hazur Court had 4 appeals and all the four were disposed of (Appendix XII.)

Extradition.

49. The demand for extradition was usual and calls for no special remarks.

Prisons.

50. There is only one Jail in the State viz., at Vala. There is a small lock-up at Loliana. The guard duty at the Jail at Vala is done by the regular police. There were 18 prisoners in the Jail during the year, of whom 14 were released and 4 remained at the end of the year. The total cost of the maintenance of prisoners amounted to Rs. 290-10-8 as against 70-12-8 in the previous year. There was no death in the Jail during the year under report.

Registration.

51. 33 documents of an aggregate value of Rs. 10,134 were registered during the year under report (Appendix XIV). The amount of fee realized was Rs. 211-12-0 (Appendix XV).

Introduction of Court-fee stamp labels.

52. Upto Samvat year 1971 all Court fees were paid in cash. In order to avoid any fraud in any office, adhesive stamp labels are introduced into the State instead of cash since November 1915 and a large stock of new stamp labels of several denominations are kept in the treasury and are issued to the offices as required.

Municipality.

53. The State maintains a small establishment to look after the sanitation, lighting, watering and conservancy of the town of Vala. The receipts during the year Samvat 1971 amounted to Rs. 5295-4-10 and the expenditure was Rs. 6086-0-0. The deficit is paid up by the State (Appendix XVI).

CHAPTER IV.

Protection and Distribution.

Weather & Crops.

54. Samvat year 1971 was a good one. The rain of St. 1971 had a good beginning and continued in a distributed form and hence the crop was good.

55. The rainfall during the year under report was not opportune and sufficient as stated in para 28 supra hence the crops were not good.

56. The following is a comparative statement showing the areas of different crops during the present as well as the past year.

Serial number	Crops	Areas under cultivation last year in acres.	Areas under cultivation present year in acres.
1	Cotton	15166	11260
2	Juwar	14300	17093
3	Wheat	4646	6190
4	Bajri	558	917
5	Til	1595	8003
6	Gram	147	2221
7	Miscellaneous	125	252
8	Sugarcane	20	95
		36557	46031

With a view to improve cultivation, needy cultivators are supplied with seeds, bullocks, grass and money for maintenance.

Rainfall.

57. As mentioned in para 28 above, the rainfall during the year was 16·45 inches ; the average rainfall of the past five years is 20·89 inches which is considered less..

Outturn.

58. The outturn in Samvat year 1972 was only nominal and will be dealt with in the next year's report.

Wages and prices of grain.

59. The wages of labour throughout the year was normal.

Staple food.

60. The prices of staple food grains remained high throughout the year.

Forest.

61. There is no forest in the State, but there are fruit trees such as Mango, Jambu, Gunda trees in the Zilla villages.

Trees.

62. Great care is being taken of the road side trees and they are being reared at some cost. They are watered from the garden well.

Trade and manufacture

63. There are no local industrial institutions worthy of mention in the State. The principal items of trade are cotton, wheat and juwari. The value of export amount-

ed to Rs, 2,23,814 as against Rs. 2,48,861 in the preceding year. The import amounted to Rs. 2,57,811 as against Rs. 2,60,221 in the previous year.

64. There is no manufactory of any sort in the State. The State has its own work shop for its own use, and it turns out very good articles of furniture, carriages &c.

Ginning Factory.

65. There is only one Ginning Factory at Vala which belongs to Mr. Dinshah Bamanji of Bhavnagar. As the cotton crop failed this year the factory did not work.

Public Works.

66. Appendix XIX gives details of expenditure incurred on Public works during the Samvat year 1971. It includes no original work except part payment of the new Hospital building. Special repairs were also done to the State Uttaras at Rajkot and Songad and the Guest house at Vala.

Post office.

67. There is a combined post and telegraph office at Vala. In the villages the school masters perform the postal work.

Mint.

68. There is no Mint in this State.

Agricultural stock.

69. Appendix XX gives the details of the agricultural stock.

Excise.

70. The total revenue in excise was Rs. 327 as against Rs. 248 in the previous year (Appendix XXI). There is a very limited use of liquor and opium in this part of the country. Ganja has a very nominal use. There is no tody.

CHAPTER V.

Revenue and Finance.

71. The gross income of Samvat 1971 was Rs. 2,98,213 and expenditure Rs. 2,58,827, which left a closing balance of Rs. 39,386 in cash and kind on Kartak Sud 1st St. 1972 (8-11-15).

On that day there was Government loan debt of Rs. 1,46,645 plus Rs. 5,866 for one year's interest. The State has also private debt of a large amount aggregating very nearly Rs. 3 lacs including interest.

As will be seen from Appendix XXII, over and above paying the annual loan instalment of Rs. 20,000 the State has paid up Rs. 40,800 odd towards arrears of servants' pay, jiwai, miscellaneous bills &c.

CHAPTER VI.

Vital Statistics.

72. There is only one Hospital in the State and it is at Vala. Mr. Darabshah Dinshah Mistri L.M.&S., was in charge throughout the year. He has been in this State service over 8 years, is very popular and the people of the town as well as of the surrounding villages take advantage of the Dispensary freely. The medical relief is given gratis at the State expense.

73. The new Hospital building which was under construction was finished and was formally opened on the 30th March 1916 by W. P. Cowie Esquire, B. A., I. C. S., Political Agent, Gohilwad Prant, who was very kind to accept the State invitation for the purpose, inspite of multifarious official duties and other engagements. The total cost of the new Hospital building, "The King Edward VII Memorial Hospital" with compound wall, iron gates, post mortem house, and servants' quarters came to Rs. 12,700. The new building contains accommodation for 5 patients 4 males and 1 female.

74. The number of patients treated during the year under report was 7,102 as against 7,415 in the last year. There was no in-door patient this year.

75. The total expenditure of the Medical Department in Samvat year 1971 was Rs. 3,098 as against Rs. 3,264 of the last year.

76. The supervision and management of the Vaccination Department rests with the Agency Surgeon, Kathiawar. The State contributes towards the expenses of vaccinators &c. The total number of children vaccinated was 282 boys and 241 girls making a total of 523 as against 486 in the previous year. There were two cases of re-vaccination also.

Births.

77. There were 494 births as against 505 in the past year, the ratio being 37·96 per 1000 of population.

Deaths.

78. The number of deaths registered was 182 as against 260 of the previous year, the ratio per 1000 of population being 13·98.

CHAPTER VII.

Education.

79. There are 9 schools in the State :—

1 Middle School teaching upto Standard IV.
7 Primary boys' schools.
1 Girls' School.

All the above schools are under the control and supervision of the Agency Educational Officer, Kathiawar.

80. During the year under report, the number of pupils was 478 as against 464 in the previous year. The average attendance was 346 as against 338 last year.

81. The total expenditure of all the schools during Samvat year 1971 was Rs. 4,146 as against Rs. 3,632 in the previous year,(Appendix XXV).

CHAPTER VIII.

Miscellaneous.

Printing Press.

82. There is no printing Press in the State.

Library.

83. There is a free Library maintained by the State and the daily and weekly papers and magazines are furnished at the cost of the State.

Fire appliances.

84. There is a fire engine with hoses.

Conclusion.

85. Most of the Departments of the State are reorganized; still there is room for improvement. The Hazur, Revenue, Audit, and Treasury Offices are under the direct supervision of the Kamdar. All the departments have worked well but the great burden lay on the staff of the Hazur Office the members of which worked with zeal and cheerfulness.

VALA,
26th May 1916

RUTTONJI PESTONJI GREEN,
Kamdar, Vala State.

DAMODARDAS PRINTING HOUSE—RAJKOT.

Appendix I.

Names of high officials in the Vala State and Residency officials showing changes in personnel during the year 1915-16.

Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
		From.	To.	
Mr. Ruttonji Pestonji Green. Retired Deputy Assistant Political Agent. Born 29-4-1856. Aged 59.	Kamdar.	1-4-15.	31-3-16.	

Vala
D. 9-4-16.

Ruttonji Pestonji Green
Kamdar, Vala State.

Appendix II.

List of Laws in force in the Vala State 1915-16.

Description.	Whether adopted from British Indian Acts.	Introduced during year under report.	Remarks.
			No special Laws of the State. But the British laws in their general spirit are adopted.

Vala,
D. 9-4-1916.

Ruttonji Pestonji Green
Kamdar, Vala State.

Appendix III.

Statement showing the strength, cost and other particulars of the Military Force in the Vala State, during the year 1915-16.

Arm of Service.	Number of fighting officers, and men.						Details of force at the end of the current year.						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force, including followers.	Remarks.
	At the end of last year.	Recruited this year.	Casualties.			At the end of the current year.	Number of Regiments, Battalions or Batteries.	Number of guns.	Number of men.					
			Died.	Invalided.	Discharged, deserted &c.				European Commissioned officers.	Native Commissioned officers.	Non-Commissioned officers.	Fighting men.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cavalry														
Sappers														
Artillery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Infantry														
Imperial Service Troops...														
Total ...														

Vala,
D. 9-4-16.

Ruttonji Pestonji Green,
Kamdar, Vala State.

Appendix IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline and education of the Police in the Vala State for the year 1915-16.

Description of office.	Number.	Pay of Grade.	Total cost (Monthly.)	Punishments.			Rewards.		Education.		Remarks.
				Dismissed.	Fined, degraded or suspended departmentally.	Punished judicially.	By promotion.	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number under instruction.	
Jamadar. ...	1	25	25	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Havaldar. 1st Grade. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
do. 2nd Grade. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Full Naik. ...	2	12	24	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Lance Naik. ...	4	10	40	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Bugler. ...	1	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...		
First class Constable. ...	5	9	45	...	...	...	...	...	2		
Second class ,, ...	4	8	32	...	...	...	...	...	2		
Third class ,, ...	15	7	105	...	...	...	...	...	2		
Fourth class ,, ...	1	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Fifth class ,, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Total...	33	...	283	...	...	...	...	...	10		

VALA,

D. 9-4-16.

RUTTANJI PESTONJI GREEN,

Kamdar, Vala State.

Appendix V.

Statement showing the working of the police in the Vala State, during the year 1915-16.

State.	Number of offences.		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial.		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns 4 and 5).		Percentage convicted of accused sent for trial.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Vala.	109	103	93	92	93	92	23	34	70	54*	24-7	36-95	24-7	36-95	* 4 accused are under trial.

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Appendix VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and amount of recoveries in the Vala State, during the year 1915-16.

State.	Amount Stolen.		Amount recovered.		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Vala.	401-7-4	679-15-0	142-4-3	450-13-3	35.43	66 3	

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Appendix VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of, and cases awaiting trial in the Vala State, during the year 1915-16.

Description of Offences.	Number of offences.			No. of cases disposed of during the past year.	No. of cases disposed of during the present year.	No. of persons apprehended.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons sentenced.							No. of persons acquitted or discharged.	No. of persons confined being insane.	No. of persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.									Awaiting trial.	Remarks.
	Balance from past year.	Committed during the present year.	Total.					Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine		Fine only.	Whipping.	Total.				Under 1 month.	From 1 to 2 months	„ 2 to 3 months.	„ 3 to 6 months.	„ 6 to 12 months.	„ 1 to 2 years.	„ 2 to 3 years.	„ 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.	Transportation.	Capital punishment		
								Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.																	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Forgery.	...	...	...	63	58	92	34	...	6	...	10	18	...	34	54	...	...	9	3	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Theft.	...	14	14																										
Enticing a married woman.	...	2	2																										
Marrying again during the life time of husband.	...	...	...																										
Simple hurt.	...	22	22																										
House breaking.	...	2	2																										
Attempt to commit suicide.	...	...	...																										
Adultery.	...	...	...																										
Rape.	...	...	...																										
Grievous hurt.	...	2	2																										
Crimes against coinage rules.	...	...	...																										
Miscellanecus.	...	61	61																										
Total...	...	103	103	63	58	92	34	...	6	...	10	18	...	34	54	...	..	9	3	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	

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Appendix VIII.

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by various Courts in the Vala State during the year 1915-16.

Number.	Name of the Court.	No. of offences reported during the year.		Number of persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of.						Remarks.
				Remaining at the end of the year.	Brought to trial in 1915-16					Total.								
		Past year.	Present year.		Arrested by Police	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntarily.	Arrested in presence of the Magistrate.	Past year.	Present year.	Discharged without trial	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Persons remaining at the end of the year.	
1	Sir Nyayadhish Court.	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
2	Nyayadhish Court.	107	100	...	50	4	31	...	2	91	87	19	34	34	...	...	...	
3	Third Class Magistrate Court.	...	3	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	4	
	Total...	109	103	...	50	4	36	...	2	93	92	19	35	34	...	...	4	

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Appendix IX.

Statement showing the results of appeals against the decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Vala State during the year 1915-16.

State.	Tribunals.	Number of persons and cases.																	Remarks.
		Number of applications.	Applications rejected.		Sentences.						Proceedings quashed.		Referred.		Further inquiry &c. ordered.		Pending.		
					Confirmed.		Modified.		Referred.										
			Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
Vala.	Sir Nyayadhish Court.	2	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	One criminal revision was filed during the year in the Hazur Court and it was finally withdrawn by the party.

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Appendix X.

Civil work.—Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Vala State during the year 1915-16.

Number.	Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year, received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		Suits filed during the present year.									Suits disposed of during the present year.						Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value.	Suits *re* landed property.	Suits for money transaction.	Suits for other rights.	No. of suits above Rs. 100.	No. of suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500.	No. of suits above Rs. 500 & under Rs. 1000.	No. of suits above Rs. 1000 & under Rs. 5000.	No. of suits above Rs. 5000.	*Ex parte.*	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of.	Value.	Average duration.	
												Rs.													Rs.	m.days.	
1	Vala.	12	7	95	37	107	44	100	38	7	6	5728	2	34	1	27	8	1	1	...	5	23	2	8	4573	2-24	

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APPENDIX XI.

Civil Work.—Results of applications for execution of decrees in the Vala State, during the year 1915-16.

Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Value of opening balance for present year.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of.			Closing balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of			Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Below 6 months.	Below 12 months.	Above 12 months.	
Sir Nyayadhish Court. ...	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	...	
			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.				
Nyayadhish Court.	209	198	36409	331	145	17551	540	343	53760	342	315	48782	198	28	4978	20	7	1	

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APPENDIX XII.

Civil work.—Number and result of appeals in civil suits in the Vala State during the year 1915-16.

Tribunal.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year.		Total.		Disposed of during.		Closing balance.		Value of appeals filed during. Rs.		How disposed of										Average duration.		Remarks.
													Decisions confirmed.		Decisions reversed.		Decisions amended.		Cases remanded for trial.		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of.				
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
Sir Nyayadhish Court	...	...	6	7	6	7	6	7	...	...	831-8-0	871-12-0	1	2	1	1	...	2	1	...	3	2	m. d. 3-7	m. d. 3-10	
Hazur Court....	...	1	...	2	4	3	4	3	4	...	...	25	513-4-0	1	3	1	1	...	...	..	...	1	...	7-10	4-16	

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Appendix XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Vala State during the year 1915-16.

Stations.	Number of Prisons.	Number of prisoners.				Daily.		Number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners.	Average period of accused under trial.	Remarks showing mortality among convicts in Jail.
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.				
									Rs.	Days.	No death occurred during the year.
Vala.	1	2	18	18	20	1-1	1-66	4	*290-10-8	26-7	*Cost of guards not included.

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Appendix XIV.

Registration of documents in the Vala State in the year 1915-16.

Name of State.	Documents presented for registration.		Nature of documents presented.										Documents registered.		Value of documents registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused.		Documents remaining unregistered pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds.		Wills.		Money bonds.		Miscellaneous.										
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Vala.	25	31	11	23	7	6	...	1	4	...	3	1	21	* 33	Rs. 6966	Rs. 10,134	...	2	4	...	* Including 4 presented in the last year.

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Appendix XV.

Statement showing the Receipts and Expenditure of registration during the year 1915-16 in Vala State.

Description.	Past year.				Present year.			
	No. of deeds.	Value of property.	Fees realized.		No. of deeds.	Valu of property.	Fees realized.	
Mortgage with possession....	10	4007 0 0	27 4 0		22	7083 0 0	55 12 0	
Simple mortgage. ...	...	....	... ...		1	999 0 0	2 8 0	
Sale.	5	1249 0 0	12 8 0		8	2052 0 0	148 4 0	
Unfructuary mortgage	...	... ...	... ...		1	... ...	2 12 0	
Money bonds.	3	1710 0 0	7 12 0		...	... ...	... ...	
Wills....	...	... ...	... ...		1	... ...	2 8 0	
Miscellaneous.	3	... ...	14 4 0		...	... ...	... ...	
Total. ...	21	6966 0 0	61 12 0		33	10134 0 0	211 12 0	
Expenditure...	...	... ...	... ...		...	... ...	... ...	
Total. ...	21	6966 0 0	61 12 0		33	10134 0 0	211 12 0	

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Appendix XVI.

Receipts and expenditure of the Municipality in the Vala State during the year St. 1971.

Name.	Opening balance on 1st day of St. 1971.	Receipts during the year.		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on last day of St. 1971.	Remarks.
		Past.	Present		Past.	Present		
Vala.	...	Rs 5474-5-1	Rs. 5295-4-10	Rs. 5295-4-10	Rs. 7376-3-8	Rs. 6086-0-0	...	The deficiency is paid up by the State.

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Appendix XVII.

Statement of Rainfall in the Vala State during the year 1915-16.

State.	April 1915.	May 1915.	June 1915.	July 1915.	August 1915.	September 1915.	October 1915.	November 1915.	December 1915.	January 1916.	February 1916.	March 1916.	Total.	Total of past year.	Average of past 5 years.	Remarks.
Vala.	0·0	0·0	4·71	3·48	0 17	5·47	2·60	0·0	0·2	0·0	0·0	0·0	16·45	22 92	20·89	

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APPENDIX XVIII.

Statement as to the prices of staple food-grains in the Vala State during the year 1915-16.

Article.	During March (past year) Bengali.			During March (present year) Bengali.			Remarks.
	M.	S.	T.	M.	S.	T.	
Wheat.	...	8	20	...	8	15	Per one rupee.
Bajri.	...	8	30	...	8	27	,, ,,
Juwar.	...	12	...	...	11	3	,, ,,
Gram.	...	8	30	...	9	18	,, ,,

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APPENDIX XIX.

Expenditure on Public Works, during the year St. 1971.

Description of work.	State funds.			Local funds.			Totals.	Remarks.
	Original.	Repairs	Total.	Original	Repairs.	Total.		
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.				Rs.	
Establishment charges including Dead Stock and T. A.	3613	...	3613	...	...	...	3613	
City road repairs.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
District road repairs.	...	1693	1693	...	...	...	1693	
Construction of the new Hospital building (part payment.)	6125	...	6125	...	...	...	6125	
Repairs to Darbari buildings :—								
Re-roofing and other special repairs to Traveller's bungalow.	...	1044	1044	...	...	...	1044	
Special repairs to Rajkot Uttaro.	...	1140	1140	...	...	...	1140	
Do.—Songadh— Do.	...	104	104	...	...	...	104	
Do. Vala Tennis-ground.	...	487	487	...	...	...	487	
Repairs to other buildings.	...	3269	3269	...	...	...	3269	
Deepening of Tanks, Construction of River Bundh &c.	1234	...	1234	...	...	...	1234	
Water works.	1692	...	1692	...	...	...	1692	
Total.	12664	7737	20401.	...	...	...	20401	

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Appendix XX.

Agricultural stock in the Vala State during the year 1915-16.

District.	Year.	Horses and Cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts.	
		Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes.		Horses.	Mares.	Colts and fillies.	Asses.	Sheep and goats.	With two bullocks.	With four bullocks.	Riding.	Load carrying,
				Males.	Females.									
Vala.	1915-16	2791	1622	898	1485	75	100	55	167	5990	1095	278	24	539

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Appendix XXI.

Statement showing the Excise Shops and Excise Revenue of the Vala State during the year St. 1971.

Name of State.	Country spirit		Opium.		Ganja.		Todi.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	
Vala.	3	134	5	171	1	22	...	...	9	327	

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Statement showing the receipts and charges of the

20th October 1914 to 7th November 1615.

No. of Heads.	Receipts.	
	Name of Heads.	Actuals of St. 1971.
		Rs.
	Opening balance	26,504 *
	3027 in cash	
	7009 In the Bank of Bombay, Rajkot Branch.	
	16463 in grain, grass, fuels &c.	
	26,504	
I.	Land Revenue ...	1,88,524
II.	Taxes. ...	9,558
III.	Sayar ...	14,503
IV.	Law and Justice. ...	4,278
V.	Education Varad from Bhayats. ...	478
VI.	Interest. ...	983
VII.	Miscellaneous including produce of Oghachhut patis. ..	22,666
VIII.	Adjustment (difference in the prices of grain, grass &c.) ...	764
	Total of Heads I to VIII.	2,41,754
IX.	Recovery of advances and outstanding dues, &c. ...	17,219
X.	Debts adjusted. ...	5,142
XI.	Refund ...	2,920
XII.	Deposits. ...	...
XIII.	Outstanding dues of the year. ...	4,674
	Total of Heads IX to XIII.	29,955
	Grand Total Rs	2,98,213

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Vala State for the Samvat year 1971 corresponding to

No. of Heads.	Expenditure. Name of Heads.	Actuals of St. 1971.
		Rs.
I	General Administration including Revenue, Law and Justice.	25,449
II	Jail Charges.	291
III	Police Charges.	12,248
IV	Political Charges including Tribute, Jama &c. ...	17,934
V	Bardashi.	5,285
VI	Education.	4,146
VII	Agriculture.	12,609
VIII	Public Works.	20,401
IX	Darbar Charges including stables.	69,525
X	Pension and Dharmada.	2,936
XI.	Municipal Expenses.	6,086
XII	Medical.	3,099
XIII	Revenue Survey.	684
XIV	Miscellaneous including Oghachhut expenses. ...	5,658
XV	Taccavi advances to cultivators, girasias &c. ...	2,072
XVI	Adjustment (difference in the quantities of corn &c.)	372
		1,88,795
XVII	Remission and Refunds of fees, fines &c.	233
XVIII	Deposits repaid.	4,263
XIX	Outstanding dues.	4,728
		1,98,019
	Payment of the Government Loan instalment. ...	20,000
	Payment of arrears of servants' pay.	25,100
	,, ,, for Jiwai allowances. ...	6,325
	,, ,, for Miscellaneous bills. ...	8,230
	,, ,, for Jalalpur Japti paid into the Songad Thana. ...	1,153
		60,808
	Grand Total...	2,58,827
	Closing balance in cash & kind....	39,386
		2,98,213

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* Note :—The discrepancy in the closing balance of St. 1970 and the opening balance of St. 1971 is due to the fact that previous to St. 1971 there was no budget system and only one account book was maintained in which the accounts of the Encumbered Estates, Managed Estates, Dharmada and several others were entered. Most of the items of amounts were not adjusted for 2 years and several amounts were paid from advance accounts. Since 1971 the treasury account is kept according to the budget heads and after making all adjustments it was found that the balance of the State treasury should be Rs. 26504 as entered in this statement as opening balance. Thus the statement will tally with our account book according to budget heads and there will be no discrepancy in future statements.

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APPENDIX XXIII.

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Vala State during the year 1915-16.

Dispensary.	Number of patients treated.		Results of in-door patients.				Expenditure.	Daily average.	Remarks.
	Out-door.	In-door.	Discharged.	Absented	Died.	Remaining under treatment			
Vala.	7102	...	...	...	...	...	Rs. 3098-15-5	64	

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APPENDIX XXIV.

Statement showing the Vital statistics of the Vala State for the year 1915-16.

Name of State.	Population.	Births.		Increase.	Decrease.	Deaths.		Increase.	Decrease.	Ratio per 1,000 of population				Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.			Past year.	Present year.			Births.		Deaths.		
										Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
Vala.	13011	505	494	...	11	260	182	...	78	38·8	37·96	20·0	13 98	

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Appendix XXV.

Statement showing Particulars as to the Schools maintained by the Vala State for the year 1915-16.

Number of Schools.		Description of Schools.	Number of pupils on roll on 31st March.		Average daily attendance.		Expenditure. (St. 1971)			Remarks.
Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	High School	Secondary.	Primary.	
								Rs.	Rs.	
1	1	Middle School.	45	50	28	36	...	912		
7	7	Primary boys' Schools.	330	339	248	250	...	...	2718	
1	1	Do. Girls' School.	89	89	62	60	...	...	516	
							Total.	4146		

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CHAPTER I.

General and Political.

Status and Situation.

1. Vala is a 3rd Class State in the Gohilwad Prant of the Kathiawar Political Agency, lying between 21°-51′ and 22°-1′ North Latitude and 71°-50′ and 72°-3′ East Longitude, with an area of 190·3 square miles. It is bounded on all sides with the Bhavnagar State, Chamardi Thana limit and the Baroda State villages.

2. Vala is the capital town of the State and is situated on the river Ghelo or Utavli. It is about 22 miles north-west of Bhavnagar, 16 miles north of Songadh Civil Station, the head quarters of the Gohilwad Prant, and 11 miles north-east of Dhola Junction Station on the Bhavnagar State Railway. There is a good metalled road with culverts all along except at one place near Umrala in the Bhavnagar State limits about 5½ miles from Vala where the river Kalubhar passes. This river is very large and is difficult to cross even in fair season owing to sandy bed. During the monsoon when the river is in flood the traffic is generally stopped till the flood subsides. If His Highness the Maharaja of Bhavnagar is pleased to take up the matter and construct a causeway, it will be a great blessing to the public in general and will relieve hardship of cattle and passengers.

3. The construction of a bridge of two spans of 20 feet each by the Bhavnagar State near the village of Rampur, referred to in para 3 of the last year's report, has been completed as was expected and the long standing difficulty has been removed. The ancient name of Vala was Valabhipur.

Villages.

4. The State consists of 40 villages, ~~of which 40 are under the full jurisdiction of the State and 6 are under the British jurisdiction. In these 6 villages, the State enjoys the revenue rights only. The civil and criminal jurisdiction is exercised by the British officers of the Gogha Mahal.~~ It also owns the revenue rights in 6 villages under British jurisdiction.

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Population.

5. The population of the State according to the census of 1911, is 13,011 souls-6,731 males and 6,280 females. That of Vala proper is 3,989 souls-2,021 males and 1,968 females.

Country.

6. The aspect of the country is generally flat. The soil is partly black and stony and partly alluvial.

Rivers.

7. The principal rivers are the Ghelo, Utavli, Keri and Kalubhar, which traverse the State, but in none of them there remains water except in the rainy season.

Grass bids.

8. There are five grass bids in all; viz. 2 at Vala, 1 at Moti Dherai, 1 at Nasitpur and 1 at Chada. The outturn of grass from all the bids is kept for State consumption and the surplus is not sold but stored up as a precaution against any future emergency. During the Samvat year 1972, the storage of grass for two years was very useful and it saved a lot of cattle from starvation. Grass was freely supplied at a low rate to the cultivators, bharvads and also the public in general who were unable to support their cattle during the famine.

Forests.

9. There is no forest in the State. There is, however, a large and productive plantation of mango, gunda and jambu trees in Kamlej, Undvi and other villages of the State which are under the British jurisdiction.

10. The expenditure on the plantation during the year Samvat 1972 was Rs. 2,041 as against Rs. 2,054 in the past year and the receipts amounted to Rs. 2,760 owing to famine as against Rs. 5,030 in the preceding year.

Revenue.

11. The gross revenue of the State based on an average of the past five years is Rs. 1,90,376.

Harmony of religion.

12. The population consists of a greater part of the Hindus and a few Mahomedans: *i. e.* two different factions of religionists in an unequal proportion. It is gratifying to note that there has never been a single incident of ill-feeling or disturbance between the two communities during their respective holidays.

Railway.

13. There is no railway in the State. The construction of a light railway or electric tramway between Dhola and Vala is a real necessity and it is hoped His Highness the Maharaja of Bhavnagar will be pleased to extend a branch line if the Agency would be pleased to bring the matter to His Highness' notice.

14. The sanitary condition of the people and of the cattle remained good throughout the year in spite of famine. There was no epidemic disease affecting the people or animals during the year except small-pox appeared in a mild form among the people but there was no casualty.

Sanitary Condition.

15. Generally there is scarcity of water for drinking purposes; but during the famine of 1916 seven tanks in the Bhal villages and one in Vala were deepened and extended at a cost of Rs. 6,844. They were empty till September but the heavy fall in the latter part of the monsoon filled all the tanks in the Bhal villages which was a blessing. People used to come and reside in Vala from March to May for want of water and the State had to make temporary arrangement for the supply of water. But by deepening and the extension of the tanks, there is still more water and the people remained in their villages during this hot weather. There was not much water in the tank in Vala, but there is sufficient to last till the next rainfall.

Water supply.

16. The State annually pays Rs. 13,292-0-6 to the British Government as under :—

Tribute.

Rs.	6,854-0-0	for Gaekwar Peshkashi.
,,	2,348-0-0	,, Junagadh Zortalbi.
,,	4,090-0-6	,, Jamabandi on Zillah villages.
Rs.	13,292-0-6.	

17. The Vala State ranks as a 3rd Class State in the Political Agency of Kathiawar. Thakor Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji is a Gohil Rajput and enjoys the privilege of an official visit and return visit to and by His Excellency the Governor of Bombay.

Political Status.

18. Under the political arrangement of the province, the State enjoys the jurisdictional powers of a 3rd Class State. In 40 full jurisdictional villages, the State passes sentences up to 7 years' rigorous imprisonment and fine up to Rs. 10,000 and in civil matters, hears suits up to the value of Rs. 20,000. In the remaining 6 Zillah villages, the State exercises the full revenue jurisdiction, while the civil and criminal jurisdiction rests with the Zillah courts.

Jurisdiction.

19. The present Thakor Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji Gohil has received his education at the Rajkumar College, Rajkot, in the eighties. He has been away since November, 16, 1914. He now resides in Surat since 3rd March 1915. The Administration of the State is conducted by his Kamdar Ruttonji Pestonji Green.

The Chief and his family.

Progeny.

20. The Chief has 2 sons and a daughter; the latter was married some twelve years ago to the Raj Saheb of Vankaner and she is the mother of the heir-apparent of Vankaner. Of the two Kumars, K. S. Gambhirsinhji the heir-apparent is 27 years of age. He has received his education at the Harrow School in England. He has also attended the full course of instruction at Dehra Dun. Since 7th January, 1916, he has been invested with 3rd class magisterial power in the State. He is blessed with a son born on 16th September, 1916 and is named Bahadursinhji. K. S. Mangalsinhji the 2nd son is 21 years old, has completed his course at the Talukdari Girasia School, Wadhwan, but unfortunately failed to pass the School Final Examination twice. He had a mind to join the Cadet Corps, Dehra Dun, but the institution has been closed owing to the War. Since October 1915, he attends the Huzur Office and sits with the Kamdar to learn office work. He has two sons—K.S. Kanaksinhji and Jasvatsinhji, the former being 3 years and the latter one year old.

History of the State.

21. A detailed history of the State is given in the previous reports of the State and it is needless to repeat it here.

Visit of the Political Agent and other chiefs.

22. W. C. Tudor-Owen Esq., I. C. S., Political Agent, Gohilwad Prant, encamped at Vala on the 29th January and left for Palitana on the 2nd February, 1917. During his stay here, the Political Agent distributed prizes to the boys and girls of the local schools, as also to the successful competitors in the Police sports. The Political Agent was pleased to see the town and other places. The Chief of Lathi with his Rani Saheb and Kumars visited Vala in April 1916 and stayed for 4 days. The Chief of Chuda with his Adviser Vira Vala visited Vala thrice during the year under report.

Alienation and boundary disputes.

23. Nearly all the boundary disputes with the Baroda State have been amicably settled, the last one *re* Velavadar under Vala and Navagam under Baroda on the 18th April, 1917, by a commission consisting of the Assistant Sar Suba, Baroda State, Boundary Branch and the Kamdar of this State. Thus the old disputes have happily ended satisfactorily to both States. There was no loss in land to this State by this settlement.

24. One old, long standing important boundary dispute viz. Monpur Saness dispute, in which the parties were, Bhavnagar and Vala on one side and the State of Baroda on the other, was finally settled by Government

during the year under report rejecting the contentions of the Baroda State and declining to reopen previous decisions. At the same time, Vala relinquished its alleged claim to certain Gauchar land, which was not supported by evidence. Thus the long standing dispute attempted to be re opened by Baroda after a lapse of ten years is decided in favour of Vala.

Relations with Bhayats.

25. The relations with the Bhayats of this State continued to be satisfactory throughout the year under report. There was no dispute and no complaint from the Bhayats.

26. In the Rajprakarni Court, there were 6 disputes in arrears, 23 were filed during the year, making a total of 29. Out of which one was disposed of leaving a balance of 28 at the end of the year. Out of these 28 cases, 23 are suits filed recently under the Encumbered Estates Rules. There are two old cases alluded to in the last year's report which will be taken up as soon as the parties appear.

CHAPTER II.

Administration of Land.

Revenue year.

27. The revenue year is the Hindu Kartaki year which begins with Kartak sud 1st and ends with Devali *i. e.* from 8th November 1915 to 26th October 1916. The land produce, therefore, is for the Samvat year 1972 which is a famine year and the revenue and expenditure are for that year.

Rainfall.

28. The rain fall during the Samvat year 1972 was 16 inches 45 cents as against 22 inches 92 cents in the previous year. The average of the past five years is 20·89 inches. The rainfall during the Samvat year 1972 seemed to be somewhat favourable but it being not timely and well distributed, the prospects of the year were quite hopeless. The agtar produce was something less than two annas in the rupee. That of cotton, which is the chief source of revenue of this State, was only nominal viz. 4 pies in the rupee and the pachhtar produce of wheat, which ranks next to cotton in importance, was only six annas in the rupee. Owing to rainfall in September and October great hopes were entertained of good crops of cotton and wheat but all hopes were frustrated. The late rainfall spoiled the cotton crop. The principal reason of falling off of revenue was the failure of cotton crop.

29. The country is generally flat. The lands of the State can safely be divided into two main divisions viz. eastern and western. The eastern half consists of soil known as Bhal, where wheat is grown without irrigation. The western half is ordinarily black soil where irrigation is done by wells. In the former division, sweet water is not available and so that division is entirely dependent upon timely good fall of rain. In this division, irrigation, if allowed, spoils the land and it has to be kept fallow for some years for improvement. During the Samvat year 1972, unfortunately, there was scanty fall of rain in this division and so the State lost the produce of 5 villages.

Nature of land.

30. There is always general scarcity of fresh drinking water in the eastern division of Bhal alluvial land. Every village has its own tank which supplies water during the greater part of the year; but all depends on good fall of rain. The year Samvat 1972 being that of scarcity, there was no water in any of the above tanks and so with a view to alleviate the sufferings the work of deepening and enlarging of these tanks was taken in hand and completed during the year St. 1972 at a cost of Rs. 5,100. The favourable rainfall during the latter part of the year St. 1972 filled up all the tanks and thus the cultivators and other people were relieved of their trouble of removing elsewhere during the hot weather for want of water. This work has, therefore, materially added to the comfort of the people residing in the Bhal villages.

Water supply.

31. The Water Works at Vala continued as usual to supply water to the Darbargadh, garden and for rearing trees round the town.

Water Works at Vala.

32. The condition of the cultivators and the agricultural stock was good throughout the year. In making recoveries of outstanding dues every precaution was taken that there should be no hardship to the cultivators.

Agricultural condition.

33. The chief produce of the State are Cotton, Juwar, Bajri, Til and Pulse. During the year under report, cotton crop failed owing to late rains and wheat crop was greatly reduced owing to clouds and there being no cold as required.

Crops.

34. The land revenue during the revenue year Samvat 1972 (8-11-15 to 26-10-16) was Rs. 53,746-10-3 owing to famine.

Land revenue.

35. As is stated in para 8 all surplus good grass of the State bids is, as a rule, stored up and not sold.

Storage of fodder.

CHAPTER III.

Protection.

Legislation.

36. There are no special laws in the State, but it has adopted the spirit of the British civil and criminal laws in all the Courts and in minor matters such as registration and the like the State has enacted its own rules.

Military.

37. There is no military force in the State.

Police.

38. The police force comprises 20 mounted and 50 foot police, but at present there are on the roll 13 mounted and 33 foot police which number is considered sufficient for our present requirement.

Working of the Police.

39. The total number of offences reported during the year was 90 as against 103 of the previous year and that of the accused arrested and sent for trial was 93 as against 92 in the past year. Out of 93 brought to trial, 37 were convicted and 56 acquitted or discharged, thus giving a percentage of 39·78 as against 36·95 in the previous year.

Stolen property.

40. The approximate value of property reported to have been stolen during the year, amounted to Rs. 387-7-6 as against Rs. 679-15-0 during the previous year; and that of property recovered Rs. 355-15-6 as against Rs. 450-13-3 in the preceding year, the percentage of recovered property being 91·87 as against 66·3 in the previous year. Appendix VI.

Crimes.

41. Particulars of crimes committed, detected and punished are given in Appendix VII. There was no serious offence during the year under report.

Civil Justice.

Civil and Criminal Justice.

42. There are three courts of civil justice in the State (1) the Court of Nyayadhish which takes cognisance of suits up to the value of Rs. 5,000. (2) the Court of the Sar Nyayadhish, which hears suits above Rs. 5000 to Rs. 20,000; besides being a court of appeal against the decisions passed by the Nyayadhish and (3) the Huzur Court wnich is the highest appellate court of the State aud has no original work. Details of the work done by each court during the year 1916-17 are given in Appendices X and XII.

43. Besides these, there is a court called Rajprakarni Court presided over by the Sar Nyayadhish who hears and decides suits relating to Bhayats, Mulgirasias and the like. From its decisions appeals lie to the Huzur Court.

44. The State has the power to hear suits up to the value of Rs. 20,000 in civil matters, the same power as exercised by other 3rd class States of Kathiawar.

Criminal Justice.

45. There are four courts of criminal justice in the State viz., a Third class Magistrate Court, a First class Magistrate Court, a Sessions Court and the Hazur Court, all in Vala. The Sar Nyayadhish presides also in the Sessions Court. The Hazur Court is the highest court of appeal and revision. It has no original work. Details of the work done by each Court during the year 1916-17 are given in Appendices VIII and IX.

46. The powers of the Criminal Courts are as follows :—

The Third Class Magistrate's Court. It has the power of awarding sentence of imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month and fine not exceeding Rs. 50.

The First Class Magistrate who is called the Nyayadhish has the power of awarding sentence of imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years and fine not exceeding Rs. 1,000; also he is invested with the following additional powers :—

(*a*) Whipping

(*b*) To require security for good behaviour.

(*c*) To try summarily according to the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code.

The Sar Nyayadhish is the District Magistrate as also the Court of Session. It has power to award sentence not exceeding seven years' imprisonment and fine not exceeding Rs. 10,000.

47. The State has power to award sentence up to 7 years' imprisonment of either description and fine to the extent of Rs. 10,000 as is exercised by other 3rd class States of Kathiawar.

48. Offences beyond the jurisdiction of this State and of murder and dacoity with murder are committed for trial to the Principal Court of Criminal Justice in Kathiawar.

49. To summarize:—The Hazur Court is the highest and final Court of Appeal in civil and criminal matters. Appeals from the decisions of the Nyayadhish in civil suits are heard by the Sar Nyayadhish and 2nd appeals from the Sar Nyayadhish's decisions are heard by the Hazur Court. Appeals from the decisions of the Sar Nyayadhish in original civil suits are also heard by tbe Hazur Court. In criminal matters the Sar Nyayadhish Court hears appeals from the decisions of the 1st and 3rd class Magistrates. Appeals in sessions cases decided by the Sar Nyayadhish are heard by the Hazur Court. Revision applications from the decisions in criminal cases are heard by the Hazur Court. The pay of the Sar Nyayadhish was very high. It was revised. The post of the Sar Nyayadhish and Rajprakarni Court remained vacant for about 6 months. The Kamdar was in charge of those offices. Mr. Maganlal Khetshi Nyayadhish of Muli was appointed to be Sar Nyayadhish and Revenue Assistant from 15th January 1917.

50. Appendix VIII deals with the number and nature of offences reported to the criminal courts. These offences comprised 97 persons of whom 37 were convicted, 42 acquitted and 18 discharged against 34, 35 and 19 respectively in the previous year.

Criminal appeals.

51. During the year under report there was only one appeal against the Nyayadhish's court in which the decision was reversed. There was no revision application to the Hazur Court during the year under report. (Appendix IX).

Civil Suits.

52. 73 civil suits of an aggregate value of Rs. 3,392 were filed during the year. There was a balance of 6 suits, making a total of 79. Of these 79, 78 suits of an aggregate value of Rs. 7,184 were disposed of during the year leaving only one suit in arrear. The average duration was 1 month and 26 days (Appendix X).

Execution of decrees.

53. In all 352 applications for execution of the decrees of an aggregate value of Rs. 57,110 were on the file during the year, of which 179 of an aggregate value of Rs. 18,863 were disposed of, leaving a balance of 173 undisposed of at the end of the year. (Appendix XI).

Civil appeals.

54. During the year under report, 6 civil appeals were filed in the Sar Nyayadhish Court, of which 5 were disposed of leaving a balance of 1 undisposed of at the end of the year, in which the decisions in 4 were confirmed and in 1 reversed. The Hazur Court had no appeal during the year. (Appendix XII)

Extradition.

55. The demand for extradition was usual and no special remarks are necessary.

Prisons.

56. There is only one jail in the State and that is at Vala. The guard duty at the jail is done by the regular police. 22 prisoners were admitted in the jail during the year of whom 21 were released and 1 remained at the end of the year.

The total cost excluding the police guard was Rs. 238-8-1 against Rs. 290-10-8 in the previous year. There was no casualty in the jail during the year under report. (Appendix XIII).

Registration.

57. 22 documents of an aggregate value of Rs. 9,879 were registered during the year as against 33 of an aggregate value of Rs. 10,134 in the previous year. (Appendix XIV). The amount of fee realized was Rs. 134-3-0 as against Rs. 211-12-0 in the previous year. (Appendix XV).

Municipality.

58. The municipal affairs are managed by the State by maintaining a small establishment. The cleanliness of the town, lighting, watering and conservancy are the chief duty to be looked after. Municipal receipts amounted to Rs. 4,853-2-5 and the expenditure was Rs. 6,284-2-9 during the year as against Rs. 5,295-4-10 and 6,086-0-0 respectively in the previous year. (Appendix XVI).

CHAPTER IV.

Production and Distribution.

59. As for the revenue matters, Samvat year 1972 was a bad year. The rainfall was not opportune and the crops therefore suffered much.

Weather and crops.

60. The following is a comparative statement showing the areas of different crops during the present as well as the past year :—

Serial number.	Crops.	Areas under cultivation in acres (last year).	Areas under cultivation in acres (present year).
1	Cotton... ...	11,260	7,544
2	Juwar	17,093	21,359
3	Wheat ...	6,190	6,457
4	Bajri	917	1,844
5	Til	8,003	2,263
6	Gram	2,221	269
7	Miscellaneous	252	468
8	Sugarcane ...	95	29
	Total ...	46,031	40,233

With a view to improve cultivation, needy cultivators were supplied with seeds, bullocks, grass and money for their maintenance, kosh, varat &c.

Out-turn.

61. The outturn of Samvat year 1972 was only nominal as alluded to in para 28 supra.

Wages.

62. Throughout the year, the wages of labour ranged between 4 to 6 annas per diem according to efficiency in work and these were considered normal.

Staple food.

63. During the year under report the prices of staple food remained high.

Forest.

64. There is no forest in the State, but there are fruit trees such as mango, jambu and gunda trees in the Zillah villages.

Trees.

65. Road side trees are reared with great care and at some cost. They are watered from the garden well where an oil engine of 20 horse power and a pump are placed.

66. There are no local industrial institutions worthy of mention in the State. The principal items of trade are cotton, wheat and juwar. The value of export amounted to Rs. 1,28,977 as against Rs. 2,23,814 in the previous year. The import amounted to Rs. 2,07218 as against Rs. 2,57,811 in the previous year.

Trade and manufacture.

67. There is no factory of any sort in the State, except a ginning factory which belongs to Mr. Dinshah Bamanji of Bhavnagar. As the cotton failed this year it worked for a few days during the season.

68. Appendix XIX deals with details of expenditure on Public works during the Samvat year 1972. It includes final payment on account of New Hospital building and extension to Girls' School, as also expenses incurred in deepening and extending the village tanks. These works of public utility were undertaken in Samvat 1972, which was a famine year. The total cost of public works amounted to Rs. 26,086.

Public works.

69. In Vala water was lifted up by a steam engine. It was very old and the engine was made of an old boiler of the ginning factory and other old machinery. The consumption of fuel was exceedingly great and the engine was working for the whole day to fill the tank which was one-fourth of the size of the tank now in use. In order to reduce the cost and save time and labour, a second hand but not much used oil engine of 20 horse power was purchased at a cost of Rs. 1,801 from the owner of a ginning factory of Dadva and a new pump was purchased from Messrs Greaves, Cotton & Co. of Bombay at a cost of Rs. 525 and there was other incidental cost. In all about Rs. 2,550 was the total cost of the machinery and fixture. A puca house with Mangalore tiled roof was built near the well for the location of the engine; a wooden platform was erected for the location of the pump in the well; repairs to Dholias etc., were made, the cost of all these amounted to about Rs. 1,600. The working expense was about Rs. 1,644, of which a sum of Rs. 1,080 was the cost of fuel for the old steam engine. At present a tank capable of containing 13,000 gallons of water is filled in 15 minutes, which requires about a quarter tin of kerosine oil or one tin of kerosine oil in a week for the water works. The consumption of fuel in the old steam engine was 50 maunds of babul wood costing over Rs. 10 per diem. Thus a great deal of saving is effected by this substitution of an oil engine. All the above said expenditure accounts for a total cost of Rs. 5,782 on water works.

Post Office.

70. There is a combined Post and Telegraph Office at Vala. In the villages the school masters perform the postal work.

Mint.

71. There is no mint in this State.

Agricultural stock.

72. Appendix XX gives details of the agricultural stock. It may be stated here that though the year was a famine year there was very little mortality among the cattle. On the whole the agricultural stock shows an increase.

Excise.

73. The total revenue in excise was Rs. 596 as against Rs. 327 in the previous year. The sale of liquor and opium, in this part of the country, is very limited. The use of ganja is nominal and tody is not produced here at all. (Appendix XXI).

CHAPTER V.

Revenue and Finance.

74. The gross income of Samvat year 1972 was only Rs. 1,17,052 and the expenditure Rs. 2,02,274. There was an opening balance of Rs.39386. To meet the expenditure a loan of Rs. 61,857 was borrowed from Government. This being the case, there remained a closing balance of Rs. 16,021 odd on the 1st day of Samvat year 1973. As the amount of last requisition was received 3 or 4 days before the close of the year, all payments were not made in time.

General outline of the year St. 1972.

75. During the year Samvat 1972 the monsoon broke out early, but afterwards, there was a long break, there being no rain in the whole of August and the agtar crops of juwar, bajri and cotton were almost lost before the fall of late rain in September and October. The result was, that the agtar produce was less than two annas in the rupee. As to the winter crops, in five, out of ten villages of the Bhal, which are the wheat producing villages, there was unfortunately very scanty rainfall and so there was no crop. Also the river near Vala, which provided water for watering wheat fields in Vala limits, changed its course and also there was very little water in October for irrigation. This accounts for the poor outturn of wheat in Vala.

76. Most part of the revenue of this State is derived from the produce of cotton, juwar, bajri etc., and nearly one-fifth of the revenue from the winter crops. On the whole, the year Samvat 1972 was a six anna year and hence the State had to borrow from Government a loan of Rs. 61,857 to carry on the administration of the State.

77. In order to pay off urgent liabilities, such as, the marriage debt, debt due to several japtis, charitable funds &c., the State has applied for a loan of Rs. 65,000 to Government. If this is sanctioned, it will lessen great deal of trouble. At present the State pays annual loan instalment of Rs. 20,000 to Government. If the new loan is sanctioned, the State undertakes to pay an annual instalment of Rs. 50,000.

78. The Samvat year 1972 was a famine year and as the State was obliged to borrow loan, Government were pleased to suspend the loan instalment as well as the amount of tribute.

Liabilities.

79. The total liabilities of the Vala State up to 31st March, 1917, is as under :—

		Rs.
(*a*)	Balance of previous Government loan debt of 1912	1,46645-2-0
(*b*)	Famine loan for St. 1972 i. e. 1916	61,857-0-0
(*c*)	Interest for 1915-16	6,374-2-0
(*d*)	Interest for 1916-17	8,060-0-0
	Total Government debt ...	2,22,936-4-0
(*e*)	Other private debts.	2,94,014-7-6
	Grand Total ...	5,16,950-11-6

CHAPTER VI.

Vital Statistics.

80. There is only one Hospital in this State called the " King Edward VII Memorial Hospital " and it is at Vala. The building was newly made and completed on 30th March, 1916 and was opened from that date. Mr. Darabshah Dinshah Mistry L. M. & S., remained in charge throughout the year. He has been in this State service for nearly nine years. His usual sympathetic and careful treatment have made him popular and the benefits of the institution are freely enjoyed by the State people as well as of the surrounding villages. The medical relief is given gratis at State expense. The building contains 4 beds for males and 1 for female. It is supplied with an ample stock of medicine.

81. The number of patients treated during the year under report, was 8,340 as against 7,102 in the previous year. There were 14 in-door patients during the year.

82. The total expenditure of the Medical Department in Samvat year 1972 was Rs. 3,684-4-5 as against Rs. 3,098 in the previous year.

83. The Vaccination Department is supervised and controlled by the Agency Surgeon, Kathiawar. The State has to pay its quota towards the expenses of vaccinators etc.,. The total number of children vaccinated was 658 of which 339 were boys and 319 girls, as against a total of 523 in the previous year. There was no case of re-vaccination.

Births.

84. There were 485 births as against 494 in the past year, the ratio being 37·27 per 1000 of population.

Deaths.

85. The number of deaths registered was 305 as against 182 in the previous year, the ratio per 1000 of population being 23·44 as against 13·98 in the previous year. The infantile mortality was great during the year. People generally resort to the treatment of Vaids, and when there is a hopeless case they come to the Medical Officer. In cases of small-pox and measle people are superstitious and never give medicine to their children.

CHAPTER VII.

Education.

86. There are in all 9 schools in the State :—

1 Middle school teaching upto St. IV.
7 Primary boys' school.
1 Girls' school.

9

All the above schools are under the direct control and supervision of the Agency Educational Officer, Kathiawar.

87. During the year under report, the number of pupils was 503 as against 478 in the previous year. The average attendance was 370 as against 346 in the previous year.

88. During the year under report, at the advice of our sympathetic Political Agent, it has been so arranged that the Chief Medical Officer of Vala should, every fortnight, visit the local schools of Vala with a view to enquire into the health of boys and girls attending the schools and to see whether any of them is affected by contagious skin or eye diseases and to afford them special treatment. From the inspections made to date, it appears that mostly the students-boys and girls-are suffering from eye diseases in one form or the other. They are looked after and treated.

89. The total expenditure of all the schools during the Samvat year 1972 was Rs. 5,054-6-8 as against Rs. 4,146 in the previons year. (Appendix XXV).

CHAPTER VIII.

Miscellaneous.

Printing Press.

90. There is no printing press in the State.

Library.

91. There is a free library maintained by the State, which is supplied with two daily English and two daily Vernacular and three weekly newspapers, also two Illustrated weeklies, one from England and the other from Bombay.

Fire appliances.

92. There is a fire engine with hoses.

Conclusion.

93. For the most part of the year the Hazur, Revenue, Sar Nyayadhish, Police, Bhayati Court, Audit and Treasury Offices were under the direct supervision of the Kamdar. Since January 1917, the Revenue, Sar Nyayadhish, Bhayati Court and Police Offices are under the Revenue Assistant. All the departments have worked well but require strict supervision. The great burden lay on the Hazur Office. The Shirastedar in addition to his legitimate duties as such does the work of English Clerk, Typist *&c.* There was an Auditor, the post is not filled in but the Shirastedar does that duty also with the assistance of other karkuns as the head of Audit Office; so he remains busy the whole time. The members of Hazur Office have worked well.

VALA,
11th May 1917.

RUTTONJI PESTONJI GREEN,
Kamdar, Vala State.

DAMODARDAS PRINTING HOUSE RAJKOT K. S.

Appendix I.

Names of high officials in the Vala State and Residency officials showing changes in personnel during the year 1916-17.

Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
		From.	To.	
Ruttonji Pestonji Green. Retired Deputy Assistant Political Agent. Born 29-4-1856. Aged 60.	Kamdar.	1-4-1916	31-3-1917.	

Vala,
D. 8-4-17.

Ruttonji Pestonji Green
Kamdar, Vala State.

Appendix II.

List of Laws in force in the Vala State 1916-1917.

Description.	Whether adapted from British Indian Acts.	Introduced during the year under report.	Remarks.
			No special laws of the State; but the spirit of the British laws is adopted.

VALA,
D. 8-4-1917.

RUTTONJI PESTONJI GREEN
Kamdar, Vala State.

Appendix III.

Statement showing the strength, cost, and other particulars of the Military Force in the Vala State, 1916-17.

Arm of service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at the end of the current year.						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force, including followers.	Remarks.
	At the end of last year.	Recruited this year.	Casualties.			At the end of the current year.	Number of Regiments, Battalions or Batteries.	Number of guns.	Number of men.					
			Died.	Invalided.	Discharged, deserted, &c.				European Commissioned officers.	Native Commissioned officers.	Non-Commissioned officers.	Fighting men.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cavalry														
Sappers														
Artillery	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Infantry														
Imperial Service Troops...														
TOTAL ...														

VALA,
D. 8-4-1917

RUTTONJI PESTONJI GREEN,
Kamdar, Vala State.

Appendix IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline and education of the Police in the Vala State for the year 1916–17.

Description of Office.	Number.	Pay of Grade.	Total cost (monthly).	Punishments.			Rewards.		Education.		Remarks.
				Dismissed.	Fined, degraded or suspended departmentally.	Punished judicially.	By promotion.	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number under instruction.	
Jamadar. ...	1	25	25	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Havaldar. 1st Grade. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
do. 2nd do. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Full Naik. ...	2	12	24	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Lance Naik. ...	4	10	40	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Bugler. ...	1	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...		
First class Constable. ...	5	9	45	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Second class ,, ...	4	8	32	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Third class ,, ...	15	7	105	...	...	...	...	...	2		
Fourth class ,, ...	1	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Fifth class ,, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Total...	33	...	283	...	...	...	...	...	8		

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Appendix V.

Statement showing the working of the police in the Vala State, during the year 1916-17.

State.	Number of offences.		Nnmber of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial.		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns 4 and 5).		Percentage convicted of accused sent for trial.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Vala.	103	90	92	93	92	93	34	37	54	56	36·95	39·78	36·95	39·78	

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Appendix VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and amount of recoveries in the Vala State, during the year 1916-17.

State.	Amount stolen.		Amount recovered.		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			
Vala.	679-15-0	387-7-6	450-13-3	355-15-6	66·3	91·87	

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Appendix VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of, and cases awaiting trial in the Vala State, during the year 1916-17.

Description of Offences.	Number of offences.			No. of cases disposed of during the past year.	No. of cases disposed of during the present year.	No. of persons apprehended.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons sentenced.							No. of persons acquitted or discharged.	No. of persons confined being insane.	No. of persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.										Awaiting trial.	Remarks.
	Balance from past year.	Committed during the present year.	Total.					Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.		Fine only.	Whipping.	Total.				Under 1 month.	From 1 to 2 months	„ 2 to 3 months.	„ 3 to 6 months.	„ 6 to 12 months.	„ 1 to 2 years.	„ 2 to 3 years.	„ 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.	Transportation.	Capitalpunishment		
								Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.																		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Forgery.	...	...	...																											
Theft.	...	16	16																											
Enticing a married woman.	...	1	1																											
Marrying again during the life time of husband.	...	...	...																											
Simple hurt.	...	11	11																											
House breaking.	...	3	3	58	58	93	37	3	17	...	5	12	...	37	56	...	...	16	5	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Attempt to commit suicide.	...	2	2																											
Adultery.	...	1	1																											
Rape.	...	...	...																											
Grievous hurt.	...	2	2																											
Crimes against coinagerules	...	...	...																											
Miscellaneous.	1	54	55																											
Total...	1	90	91	58	58	93	37	3	17	...	5	12	...	37	56	...	...	16	5	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

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Appendix VIII

Statements showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by various Courts in the Vala State during the year 1916–17.

Number.	Name of the Court.	No. of offences reported during the year.		Number of persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of						Remarks.
				Remaining at the end of the year.	Brought to trial in 1916-17					Total.								
		Past year.	Present year.		Arrested by Police	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntary.	Arrested in presence of the Magistrate.	Past year.	Present year.	discharged without trial	Acquitted.	convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Persons remaining at the end of the year.	
1	Sar Nyayadhish Court.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
2	Nyayadhish Court. 1st class magistrate.	100	42	...	23	2	11	...	2	87	38	14	5	19	...	...	...	
3	Third class magistrate Court.	3	48	4	29	...	26	...	...	5	59	4	37	18	...	...	...	
		103	90	4	52	2	37	...	2	92	97	18	42	37	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX IX.

Statement showing the results of appeals against the decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Vala State during the year 1916-17.

State.	Tribunals.	Number of persons and cases.																	Remarks.
		Number of applications	Applications rejected.		Sentences.						Proceedings quashed.		Referred.		Further inquiry &c. ordered.		Pending.		
					Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed										
			Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
Vala.	Sar Nyayadhish Court.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	There was no revision application to the Hazur Court during the year.

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APPENDIX X.

Civil work.—Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Vala State during the year 1916-17.

Number.	Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		Suits filed during the present year.									Suits disposed of during the present year.						Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value. Rs.	Suits *re* landed property.	Suits for money transaction.	Suits for other rights.	No. of suits above Rs. 100.	No. of suits above Rs.100 and under Rs. 500.	No. of suits above Rs.500 and under Rs. 1000.	No. of suits above Rs. 1000 & under Rs. 5000.	No. of suits above Rs. 5000.	*Ex parte.*	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of	Value. Rs.	Average duration.	
1	Sar Nyayadhish Court.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	m. days ...	
2	Nyayadhish Court.	7	6	37	73	44	79	38	78	6	1	3392	2	69	2	60	13	...	...	...	12	46	2	18	7184	1-26	
	Total...	7	6	37	73	44	79	38	78	6	1	3392	2	69	2	60	13	...	...	...	12	46	2	18	7184		

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APPENDIX XI.

Civil Work.—Result of applications for execution of decrees in the Vala State, during the year 1916-17.

Tribunals.	Opening balance		Value of opening balance for present year.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of.			Closing balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the end of the year 1916-17			Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for Present year.	Below 6 months.	Below 12 months.	Above 12 months.	
			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.				
Sar Nyayadhish Court.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Nyayadhish Court.	198	28	4978	145	324	52132	343	352	57110	315	179	18863	28	173	38247	156	11	6	
Total...	198	28	4978	145	324	52132	343	352	57110	315	179	18863	28	173	38247	156	11	6	

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APPENDIX XII.

Civil work.—Number and result of appeals in civil suits in the Vala State during the year 1916-17.

Tribunal.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year.		Total.		Disposed of during.		Closing balance.		Value of appeals filed during. Rs.		How disposed of										Average duration.		Remarks.
													Decisions confirmed.		Decisions reversed.		Decisions amended.		Cases remanded for trial.		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of				
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
																							m. D.	m. D.	
Sar Nyayadhish Court.	...	...	7	6	7	6	7	5	...	1	871-12-0	1916-14-0	2	4	1	1	2	...	...	...	2	...	3-10	6-4	
Hazur Court.	...	...	4	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	513-4-0	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4-16	...	
Total...	...	...	11	6	11	6	11	5	...	1	1385	1916-14-0	5	4	2	1	2	...	...	...	2	...			

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APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Vala State during the year 1916-17.

Stations.	Number of Prisons.	Number of prisoners.				Daily.		Number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners.	Average period of accused under trial.	Remarks showing mortality among convicts in Jail.
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				Past. year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.				
									Rs.	Days-	No death occurred during the year.
Vala.	1	4	22	20	26	1·66	2	1	*238-8-1	37	* Cost of guards not included.

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Appendix XIV

Registration of documents in the Vala State in the year 1916-17.

Name of State.	Documents presented for registration.		Nature of documents presented.										Documents registered.		Value of documents registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused.		Documents remaining unregistered pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds.		Wills.		Money bonds.		Miscellaneous.										
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year,	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Vala.	31	22	23	16	6	6	1	...	...	...	1	...	33	22	Rs. 10134	„ 9879	2	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the Receipts and Expenditure of registration during the year 1916-17 in Vala State.

Description.	Past year.								Present year.							
	No. of deeds.	Value of property.			Fees realized.				No. of deeds	Value of property.			Fees realised.			
Mortgage with possession.	22	7083	0	0	55	12	0		16	8654	0	0	42	0	0	
Simple mortgage. ...	1	999	0	0	2	8	0		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Sale.	8	2052	0	0	148	4	0		6	1225	0	0	92	3	0	
Unfructuary mortgage	1	...	...	...	2	12	0		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Money bonds.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Will.	1	...	...	...	2	8	0		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Miscellaneous.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total. ...	33	10134	0	0	211	12	0		22	9879	0	0	134	3	0	
Expenditure. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total. ...	33	10134	0	0	211	12	0		22	9879	0	0	134	3	0	

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APPENDIX XVI.

Receipts and expenditure of the Municipality in the Vala State during the year St. 1972. Corresponding to 8-11-15 to 26-10-16

Name.	Opening balance on 1st day of St. 1972	Receipts during the year.		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on last day of St. 1972.	Remarks.
		Past	Present		Past.	Present		
Vala.	...	Rs. 5295-4-10	Rs. 4853-2-5	Rs. 4853-2-5	Rs. 6086-0-0	Rs. 6284-2-9	...	The deficiency is paid up by the State.

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APPENDIX XVII.

Statement of Rain Fall in the Vala State, during the year 1916-17

State.	April 1916.	May 1916.	June 1916.	July 1916.	August 1616.	September 1916.	October 1916.	November 1916.	December 1916.	January 1917.	February 1917.	March 1917.	Total.	Total of past year.	Average of past 5 years.	Remarks.
Vala.	0·0	1·81	1·79	4·45	4·0	7·13	1·38	0·0	0·0	0·0	0·0	0·0	20·56	16·45	20·89	

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APPENDIX XVIII.

Statement as to prices of staple food-grains.

Article.	During March (past year.) Bengali.			During March (present year) Bengali			Remarks.
	M.	S.	T.	M.	S.	T.	
Wheat.	...	8	15	...	9	33	Per one rupee.
Bajri.	...	8	27	...	9	20	,, ,,
Juwar.	...	11	3	...	12	11	,, ,,
Gram.	...	9	18	...	9	20	,, ,,

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APPENDIX XIX.

Expenditure on public Works, during the year St. 1972 corresponding to 8-11-15 to 26-10-16.

Description of work.	State funds.			Local funds.			Totals.	Remarks.
	Original.	Repairs.	Total.	Original.	Repairs	Total.		
1 *Original Works.*								
Final payment of the new Hospital building....	6675	...	6675					
Girls school extension.	1739	...	1739					
Deepening and extension of Village Tanks.	6844	...	6844					
Masonry Construction, Railing and repairs to Village wells.	402	...	402					
2 *Repairs.*	...							
Road repairs.	...	638	638					
Repairs to Darbari buildings.	...	1126	1126					
Do. School buildings	...	262	262					
Do. Animal stables.	...	25	25					
Miscellaneous.	...	72	72					
3 Workshop expense.	93	...	93					
4 Establishment including Deadstock.	2428	...	2428					
5 Water Works.	5782	...	5782					
Total...	23963	2123	26086					

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APPENDIX XX.

Agricultural stock in the Vala State, during the year 1916-17.

District.	Year.	Horses and cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts.	
		Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes		Horses.	Mares.	Colts and fillies.	Asses.	Sheep and goats.	With two bullocks.	With four bullocks.	Riding.	Load carrying.
				Males.	Females.									
Vala.	1916-17	3457	2058	1023	1440	51	124	25	191	6827	1239	258	23	572

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APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the Excise Shops and Excise Revenue of the Vala State, during the year 1916-17.

(St. 1972) corresponding to 8-11-15 to 26-10-16.

Name of State.	Country spirit		Opium.		Ganja.		Todi.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops	Revenue.	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	
Vala.	3	131	5	443	1	22	...	...	9	596	

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Appendix

Statement showing the receipts and charges of the
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No. of Heads.	Receipts. Name of Heads.		Actuals of St. 1972. Rs.	A.	P.
	Opening Balance.				
	Cash	28331—9—0.			
	In the Bank of Bombay, Rajkot Branch.	1798—6—8.			
•	Grain, Grass, Fuels &c.	9255-13-10.	39,385	13	6
		39385-13—6.			
I.	Land Revenue. ...		53,746	10	3
II.	Taxes.		5495	5	3
III.	Sayar ...		10,643	6	7
IV.	Law and Justice. ...		2773	13	6
V.	Education Varad from Bhayats. ...		513	3	9
VI.	Interest (cash receipt). ...		490	2	7
VII.	Miscellaneous including produce of Oghachhut patis. ...		8159	2	10
VIII.	Difference in the prices of grain, grass &c. ...		8452	8	4
IX.	Recovery of advances and outstanding dues &c. ...		4480	4	1
X.	Refund. ...		74	7	0
	Total of Heads I to X.		94,829	0	2
XI.	Adjustments :—				
	(a) Outstanding dues of the year. ...		7627	3	5
	(b) Interest, Refund, Outstanding dues (Paper entry.) ...		8136	2	6
	(c) Adjustment of a portion of Rangpur Oghachhut transaction.		6460	6	5
			22,223	12	4
XII.	Government Loan in 1916 for famine ...		61,857	0	0
	Grand Total Rs.		2,18,295	10	0

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Vala State for the Samvat year 1972 corresponding to

No. of Heads.	Expenditure. Name of Heads.	Actuals of St. 1972. Rs.	A.	P.
I.	General Administration including Revenue, Law and Justice.	24,642	10	3
II.	Jail Charges...	737	7	11
III.	Police Charges	13,585	5	9
IV.	Political Charges including Jama for Zillah villages.	7031	9	8
V.	Bardashi expenses.	3324	2	7
VI.	Education expenses.	5054	6	8
VII.	Agriculture.	10,291	12	2
VIII.	P. W. D expenses including Workshop and water works and deepening and enlargement of tanks...	26,085	12	0
IX.	Darbar charges including stables.	55,794	7	5
X.	Pensions and Dharmada.	2878	4	1
XI.	Municipal Expenses.	6284	2	9
XII.	Medical.	3684	4	5
XIII.	Revenue Survey, ...	781	7	10
XIV.	Miscellaneous including Oghachhut expenses. ...	4226	5	1
XV.	Traveller's bungalow and Dharmashala.	57	8	0
XVI.	Remission and Refunds of fees, fines &c.	95	6	2
XVII.	Tacavi and advances to cultivators &c.	10,166	9	3
XVIII	Purchase of grass.	1303	11	6
XIX.	Deposits repaid.	100	0	0
XX.	Payment of bills of St. 1970 which were in hand for payment.	296	10	8
	Total of heads I to XX	1,76,422	0	2
XXI.	Adjustments including items written off. ...	25,852	4	5
		2,02,274	4	7
	Closing balance....	16,021	5	5
	Grand Total...	2,18,295	10	0

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The total liabilities of the State is as under :—

(*a*)	Previous Government Loan Debt.	1,46,645-2-0.
(*b*)	Famine Loan for St. 1972.	61857-0-0.
(*c*)	Amount of Interest for 1915-16 and 1916.17 not received from the Accountant General.	
(*d*)	Other private debts including interest.	2,94,014-7-6.
	Grand Total...	5,02,516 9-6.

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APPENDIX XXIII.

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Vala State, during the year 1916-17.

Dispensary	Number of patients treated.		Results of in-door patients.				Expenditure for st. 1972.	Daily average.	Remarks.
	Out-door.	In-door.	Discharged.	Absented	Died.	Remaining under treatment			
Vala.	8340	14	14	...	...	...	Rs. 3684-4-5	79	

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Appendix XXIV

Statement showing Vital statistics of the Vala State, for the year 1916-17.

Name of State.	Population	Births.		Increase.	Decrease.	Deaths.		Increase.	Decrease.	Ratio per 1,000 of population				Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.			Past year.	Present year.			Births		Deaths		
										Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
Vala.	13011	494	485	...	9	182	305	123	...	37·96	37·27	13·98	23·44	

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Appendix XXV.

Statement showing Particulars as to the Schools maintained by the Vala State during the year 1916-17.

Number of Schools.		Description of Schools.	Number of pupils on roll on 31st March.		Average daily attendance.		Expenditure. St. 1972.			Remarks.
Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	High School.	Secondary.	Primary.	
								Rs.		
1	1	Middle School.	50	59	36	40·1		1229-11-4		
7	7	Primary Boys Schools.	339	346	250	266·9			3262-14-1	
1	1	Do.—Girls School.	89	98	60	64·2			561-13-3	
							Total	5054-6-8		

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APPENDIX XXVI.

Political Relation Form I.

No.	Name of State.	In subsidiary alliance or Feudatory.	Tribute in men or money.		Estimated population.	Number of Schools.	Number of persons being taught.	Number of persons Vaccinated.	Supposed gross revenue.	Estimated expenditure.	Military force.	Principal articles of production manufacture, and mines.	Remarks.
			Amount.	Tribute payable to.									
1	Vaa	Tributary.	Rs. 6854-0-0 2348-0-0 4090-0.6	Gaekwar Peshkashi Junagadh Zortalbi Jama on Zillah villages.	13,011	9	503	658	St. 1972. Rs. 94829-0-2	Rs. 1,76,422-0-2	Mounted Police—20. * Foot Police——50. Guns 4 { 2 serviceable, 2 unserviceable.	Grain and cotton are the principal articles of production. No manufacture nor mines.	* In mounted Police there are 7 vacancies. In foot Police there are 17 vacancies

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APPENDIX XXVII.

Political Relation Form II.

No.	Name of individual State and family to which he belongs.	Residence.	Present position.	Caste race or religion.	Age.	How and where educated.	How employed.	Has Sanad authorizing adoption or not.	Family follows Primogeniture or not.	Has male heir or not.	Remarks. (Birth dates.) Native era. Christian era.
1	Thakor Shri Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji Gohil.	Vala.	Vala Thakor.	Hindu Rajput.	53	Rajkumar College Rajkot.	Ruling Chief.	No.	Yes.	Yes.	Asho Vad 4th 30-10-1863 St. 1919.
2	Gambhirsinhji Vakhatsinhji Gohil.	,,	Heir apparent.	,,	27	Harrow School England.					Chaitra Vad $\frac{9}{10}$th 24-4-1889 St. 1945.
3	Bahadursinhji Gambhirsinhji Gohil.	,,	Son of K.S. Gambhirsinhji.	,,	6 months.						Bhadarva Vad $\frac{5}{6}$th 16-9-1916 St. 1972.
4	Mangalsinhji Vakhatsinhji Gohil.	,,	Second son of the Chief.	,,	21	Wadhwan Girasia School.					Ashad Sud $\frac{4}{5}$th 26-6-1895 St. 1951.
5	Kanaksinhji Mangalsinhji Gohil.	,,	Son of K.S. Mangalsinhji.	,,	4						Maha Sud 10th 16-2-1913 St. 1969.
6	Jasvatsinhji Mangalsinhji Gohil.	,,	Do.	,,	1						Chaitra Vad 10th 9-4-1915 St. 1971.
7	Pratapsinhji Akherajji. Gohil.	Dared.	Bhayat.	,,	25	Bhavnagar.					Shravan Sud 5th 9-8-1891 St. 1947.
8	Ranjitsinhji Akherajji. Gohil.	Melana	Do.	,,	22	Wadhwan Girasia School.					Jeth Sud 11th 14-6-1894 St. 1950.

VALA,
D. 8-4-1917.

RUTTONJI PESTONJI GREEN,
Kamdar, Vala State.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

OF THE

VALA STATE

FOR THE YEAR 1917-1918.

CHAPTER I.

General and Political.

Status and Situation.

1. Vala is a 3rd Class State, in the Gohilwad Prant under the Kathiawar Political Agency lying between 21°-51' and 22°-1' North Latitude and 71°-50' and 72°-3' East Longitude. It has an area of 190.3 square miles and is bounded on all sides by the Bhavnagar State, Chamardi Thana limit and the villages under the Baroda State.

2. Vala, occupying the site of the ancient Valbhipur, is the capital of the State and is situated on the river Ghelo or Utavli. It is about 22 miles north-west of Bhavnagar, 16 miles north of Songadh Civil Station, the head quarters of the Gohilwad Prant and 11 miles north-east of Dhola Junction Station on the Bhavnagar State Railway, which is the nearest Railway Station. There is a good metalled road with culverts all along except at one place near Umrala in the Bhavnagar State limit about 5½ miles from Vala where the river Kalubhar passes. This is a very large river with a sandy bed. During the monsoon when the river is in flood, it becomes unpassable and the traffic is generally stopped till the flood subsides. If His Highness the Maharaja of Bhavnagar is pleased to take up the matter and construct a causeway, it will be a great blessing to the public in general and will relieve hardship.

Villages.

3. The State consists of 40 villages. It also owns the revenue rights in 6 villages under British Jurisdiction.

Population.

4. The population of the State, according to the census of 1911, is 13011 souls-6731 males and 6280 females. The population of Vala town is 3989 souls-2021 males and 1968 females.

Country.

5. The country is generally flat, the soil being partly black and stony and partly alluvial.

Rivers.

6. The principal rivers are the Ghelo, Utavli, Keri and Kalubhar, but in none of them there remains water except in the monsoon.

Grass bids.

7. There are six grass bids :—3 at Vala, 1 at Motidherai, 1 at Nasitpur and 1 at Chada.

Forests.

8. There is no forest in the State. There is, however, a large and good plantation of mango, gunda and jambu fruit trees in Kamlej, Undvi and other villages under the British jurisdiction.

9. The expenditure on the above plantation during the Samvat year 1973 *i. e.* from 27-10-16 to 14-11-17 was Rs. 2607-13-10 as against Rs. 2041 in the previous year and the receipts amounted to Rs. 4242-12-2 as against Rs. 2760 in the preceding year.

Revenue.

10. The gross revenue based on an average of past five years is Rs. 1,76,243 including revenue of the six villages under British jurisdiction.

Harmony of religion.

11. The population of the State consists of a greater part of Hindus and only a few Mahomedans. It is however satisfactory to note that there has never been a single incident of ill feeling or disturbance between the two religionists during their respective holidays.

Railway.

12. There is no railway in the State. The construction of a light railway or electric tramway between Dhola and Vala is a real necessity and it is hoped that His Highness the Maharaja of Bhavnagar will be pleased to extend a branch line if the Agency would be pleased to bring the matter to His Highness' notice.

Sanitary condition.

13. During the year under report unfortunately plague visited Vala and almost all villages. In Vala, dead rats were found early in September 1917. People were thereupon at once advised not to throw them away but to inform the Municipality which was ordered to disinfect the locality in order to stop the spread of plague germs; but none heeded to this advice and pretended that they did not know from which house the dead rats were thrown. Even people were throwing dead rats in the compound of their neighbours or on the roofs and said that the crows threw them. At last plague cases occurred in December

1917 and lasted till the end of February 1918. As soon as the first case occurred, people left the town. The State also made arrangements for inoculation free of charge but the people had their prejudices against the process and a very few came forward even after the Kamdar himself and other State servants took the lead. The total number inoculated was 237 mostly state servants. The total number of attacks in Vala was 168 of which 143 proved fatal. In the districts there were 328 cases and 264 deaths. There were only 7 plague cases after inoculation but 4 were cured and 3 proved fatal as plague symptoms developed 2 or 3 days after inoculation. As soon as plague subsided, there were cases of small pox and measles. When the dead rats were discovered, the establishment of the State went to reside in neighbouring villages and when those villages were infected the State erected temporary huts on the river bank and accommodated almost all servants of the State there. The offices were held in tents in the garden outside Vala for 3 months. The prevailing diseases were malaria, bilious fever, cough, pneumonia, eye and skin disesases.

Water supply.

14. There was no scarcity of drinking water as the rainfall was more than double the average quantity. In the Bhal villages there was much water in the tanks which were deepened and expanded in 1916.

Tribute.

15. The State annually pays Rs, 13,292-0-6 to the British Government as under :—

Rs. 6854-0-0 for Gaekwar Peshkashi.
,, 2348-0-0 ,, Junagadh Zortalbi.
;, 4090-0-6 Jamabandi on Zillah villages.

Rs. 13,292-0-6

Political Status.

16. Vala is a 3rd class State in the Gohilwad Prant under the Kathiawar Political Agency. Thakor Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji is a Gohil Rajput and enjoys the privilege of an official visit and return visit to and by His Excellency the Governor of Bombay.

Jurisdiction.

17. The State exercises the jurisdictional powers of a 3rd class State, *i.e.* passes sentences upto 7 years' rigorous imprisonment and fine upto Rs. 10,000 in criminal matters and hears civil suits upto the value of Rs. 20,000 in the forty khalsa villages. In the six Zilla villages, the Civil and Criminal jurisdiction rests with the Zillah Courts, while the full revenue jurisdiction is being exercised by this State.

The Chief and his family.

18. The present Thakor Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji Gohil has received his education in the eighties at the Rajkumar College, Rajkot. He has been away since November 16, 1914. The administration of the State is conducted by his Kamdar Ruttonji Pestonji Green.

Progeny.

19. The Chief has two sons and a daughter. The latter has been married to the Raj Saheb of Vankaner some 13 years ago and she is the mother of the heir apparent of Vankaner. Of the two Kumars, K. S. Gambhirsinhji, the heir apparent, is 28 years of age. He has received his education at the Harrow school in England. He has also undergone the full course of instruction at Dehra Dun. He was invested with the powers of a 3rd class magistrate in the State since 7th January 1916 but owing to plague in Vala he left for Rajkot in November 1917 and since then is absent from Vala. He is blessed with a son Bahadursinhji who is about a year and a half old. The second Kumar, Kumar Shri Mangalsinhji is 22 years old. He completed his course at the Talukdari Girasia School, Wadhwan, but unfortunately failed to pass the School Final examination twice and left the school. He had a mind to join the Cadet Corps at Dehra Dun, but the institution is closed owing to the war. He has two sons K.S. Kanaksinhji and Jasvatsinhji, the former being 5 and the latter nearly 3 years old. He was sitting with the Kamdar in office to learn work but since November he is absent from Vala owing to plague.

History of the State.

20. A detailed history of the State is given in the previous reports of the State and it is needless to repeat it here.

Visit of the Political Agent.

21. Colonel J. R. B. G. Carter, Political Agent, Gohilwad Prant encamped at Vala on the 11th February 1918 and left for Songadh on the 15th idem. During his stay here the Political Agent distributed prizes to the successful competitors in the Police sports. The Political Agent was pleased to see the town and other places but owing to plague the town was empty.

Alienation and boundary disputes.

22. All the boundary disputes with the Baroda State have been amicably settled and demarcation pillars already been erected accordingly. The old bonndary dispute with Baroda about Monpur Saness, in which the parties were Vala and Bhavnagar on one side and Baroda on the other, was finally decided by Government in favour of Vala and declined to reopen the case. But the Baroda State has not yet erected pillars. It is presumed it still intends to appeal again.

Relations with Bhayats

23. The relations with the bhayats of this State remained satisfactory throughout the year under report. There was no dispute and no complaint from the bhayats except in the matter of schools. There were two schools one in Pipli and another in Rampur both Bhayati villages. One school was abolished in order to save expense to the bhayats still they put all sorts of obstructions and request closing of the remaining school and instigate the people not to send their children to the school. The bhayats of Vala are well-known litigants and have given a great deal of trouble to the Agency with petitions of all sorts, but since the last three years there is no complaint. A bhayat and his son died leaving a boy 5 years old. The estate is under the Encumbered Estates Rules owing to heavy debt incurred by the deceased. The widow is a very obstinate woman and is likely to give trouble.

24. In the Rajprakarni Court, there were 28 cases in arrears of the last year and 22 new cases were filed during the year under report, making a total of 50. Of these, 45 suits were under the Encumbered Estates Rules. All the fifty cases could not be taken up owing to plague first at Umrala under Bhavnagar and then in Vala, as most of the plaintiffs were of Umrala which village they had left.

CHAPTER II.

Administration of Land.

Revenue year.

25. The revenue year of the State is the Hindu Kartaki year which begins with Kartak Sud 1st and ends with Devali (i. e. from 27-10-16 to 14-11-17). The land produce, therefore, which this report deals with, is for the Samvat year 1973 and the revenue and expenditure are also for that year.

Rainfall.

26. The rainfall during the Samvat year 1973 was 20 inches and 56 cents against 16 inches and 45 cents in the previous year viz in Samvat 1972. The average of the past five years is 25 inches and 95 cents. Although the rainfall during the Samvat year 1973 was 20 inches, it was not timely and well distributed; hence the prospect of the year was not favourable. The monsoon during the year was late for sowing Mathia cotton. Deshi and Vagadia cotton were sown as an experiment but owing to cloudiness and less cold in December and January, the crops suffered much. The plants thrived but the outturn was very poor : As to wheat crop it was expected that it would be good, but that crop was in the beginning damaged by khapedi insects in Bhal vil-

lages and later on by cloudiness and less cold. In Vala proper wheat fields were not irrigated as there was not sufficient water in the river. Thus the wheat crop was though estimated to be 8 annas in the rupee, the actual outturn was 6 annas in the rupee. On the whole, the year (St. 1973) turned out to be a twelve anna year.

Nature of land.

27. The country is generally flat. For physical characteristic, the lands of the State can be divided into two main divisions viz. eastern and western. The eastern half embraces soil known as Bhal which does not allow irrigation. Here wheat is grown without irrigation. The western half is ordinarily of black soil where irrigation is done by wells. In the former division sweet water is not available and so it is entirely dependant upon timely good fall of rain.

Water supply.

28. In the eastern division of Bhal alluvial land there is generally scarcity of fresh drinking water. Most of the villages have their own tanks, but all depends on good fall of rain. There was always difficiency of water but since the tanks were deepened and extended the difficulty is overcome.

Water works at Vala.

29. The water works at Vala continued as usual to supply water to the Darbargadh, garden, for rearing trees round the town and watering roads. There is also sufficient quantity of drinking water in the tank at Vala which was deepened in 1916.

Agricultural condition.

30. The condition of the cultivators and the agricultural stock was good throughout the year. As the successive two years were below normal, the recoveries of outstanding dues were made with every precaution in order to avoid hardship to the cultivators.

Crops.

31. The chief produce of the State is cotton, juwar, bajri, til and pulse.

32. The land revenue during the revenue year Samvat 1973 (27-10-16 to 14-11-17) was Rs. 1,46,890-1-6 including Rs. 14,135-7-8 derived from the Zillah villages. Thus the year was a twelve anna year.

Storage of fodder.

33. All surplus good grass of the State bids, is, as a rule, being stored up and not sold. But the outturn of grass during the year under report was very little as it did not thrive owing to want of rain in the beginning; and in the latter part of the season, most part of the grass was damaged by excessive and continuous rainfall. Grass lay on ground covered with mud.

CHAPTER III.

Protection.

Legislation.

34. The State has adopted the spirit of the British Civil and Criminal laws in all the Courts and in minor matters such as registration and the like has framed its own rules.

Military.

35. There is no military force in the State.

Police.

36. The force consists of 20 mounted and 50 foot police but at present there are on the roll 13 mounted and 31 foot police which number suffices for our present requirement.

Working of the police.

37. The total number of offences reported during the year was 108 as against 90 in the previous year and that of the accused arrested and sent for trial was 101 as against 93 in the past year. Out of 101 brought to trial, 45 were convicted and 55 were acquitted or discharged and 1 remained awaiting trial at the end of the year. The percentage of convictions was 44·55 as against 39.78 in the previous year. Appendix V.

Stolen property.

38. The approximate value of property alleged to have been stolen during the year amounted to Rs. 832-0-2 as against Rs. 387-7-6 during the previous year; while that of the property recovered was Rs. 160-8-5 as against Rs. 355-15-6 in the preceding year: thus giving a percentage of 19·29 as against 91.87 of the last year, Appendix VI. The reason of the low percentage is due to the fact that owing to bad year, there were thefts in cotton fields by a gang. Owing to plague people of almost all villages were out and so the cultivators were not able to watch their fields. The thefts were committed at the end of the year and as the price of cotton was very high, it increased the amount of stolen property.

Crimes.

39. Particulars of crimes committed, detected and punished are given in Appendix VII. There was no serious offence during the year under report.

Civil Justice.

Courts.

40. There are 3 courts of civil justice in the State :— (1) Nyayadhish Court-which takes cognizance of suits up to the value of Rs. 5000. (2) Sar-nyayadhish Court-which hears suits above Rs. 5000 upto Rs. 20000; besides being a Court of appeal against the decisions passed by the Nyayadhish and (3) Hazur Court, which is the highest appellate Court of the State has no original work. Details of

work done by each court during the year under report are given in Appendices X and XII.

41. In addition to the above mentioned courts, there is one more Court called the Rajprakarni Court, presided over by the Sar-nyayadhish which hears and decides suits relating to bhayats, mulgirasias and the like. Appeals from the decisions lie to the Hazur Court.

42. The State has the power to hear suits upto the value of Rs. 20,000 in civil matters, the same power as is being exercised by other 3rd class States of Kathiawar.

Criminal Justice

43. There are 4 courts of criminal justice in the State viz :— (1) The Third Class Magistrate's Court, (2) the First Class Magistrate's Court, (3) The Sessions Court, (4) the Hazur court. The Sar-nyayadhish presides in the Sessions Court. The Hazur Court is the highest Court of appeal and revision. It has no origial work. Details of the work done by each court during the year are given in Appendices VIII and IX.

44 The following powers are exercised by the Criminal Courts:-

The Third Class Magistrate's Court. It exercises the powers of awarding sentence of imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month and fine not exceeding Rs. 50. The heir apparent was third class Magistrate till the end of October. Since then he left Vala owing to plague, and his court was closed. Now all criminal cases are decided as before by the Nyayadhish who exercises the powers of a First Class Magistrate.

The First Class Magistrate's Court. It is called the Nyayadhish Court and exercises the powers of awarding sentence of imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years and fine not exceeding Rs. 1000 ; also exercises the following additional powers:—

(*a*) Whipping.
(*b*) To require security for good behaviour.
(*c*) To try summarily according to the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code.

The Sar-nyayadhish is the District Magistrate as also the Sessions judge. This court has power to award sentence upto 7 years' imprisonment of either description and fine not exceeding Rs. 10,000.

45. The State has powers to award sentence upto 7 years' imprisonment of either description and fine to the extent of Rs. 10000 as is exercised by the third class States of Kathiawar.

46. Offences beyond the jurisdictiou of this State and of murder and dacoity with murder are committed for trial to the Principal Court of Criminal Justice in Kathiawar.

47. To sum up. The Hazur Court is the highest and final court of appeal in civil and criminal matters. Appeals from the decisions of the Nyayadhish in civil suits are heard by the Sar-nyayadhish and second appeals from the Sar-nyayadhish's decisions are heard by the Hazur Court. Appeals from the decisions of the Sar-nyayadhish in original Civil Suits are also heard by the Hazur Court.

In criminal matters, the Sar-nyayadhish hears appeals from the decisions of the 1st and 3rd class Magistrates. Appeals in sessions cases decided by the Sar-nyayadhish are heard by the Hazur Court. Revision applications from the decisions in criminal cases lie to the Hazur Court.

48. Appendix VIII deals with the number and nature of offences reported to the criminal Courts. These offences comprised 101 persons, of whom 45 were convicted, 48 acquitted and 7 discharged as against 37,42 and 18 respectively in the previous year; while 1 remained awaiting trial at the end of the year.

Criminal appeals.

49. There was only one criminal appeal which was disposed of by the Hazur Court in which the decision was modified. There was no revision application. Appendix IX.

50. 50 civil suits of an aggregate value of Rs. 4362-11-7 were filed during the year. There was a balance of 1 suit, making a total of 51. Of these 51, 46 suits of the value of Rs. 7676-1-7 were disposed of during the year while 5 remained undisposed of at the end of the year.

Execution of decrees.

51. 376 applications for execution of the decrees of the value of Rs. 70772 were on the file during the year of which 271 of the value of Rs. 47457 were disposed of leaving a balance of 105 undisposed of at the end of the year. Appendix XI.

Civil appeals.

52. During the year under report, 3 civil appeals were filed in the Court of the Sar-nyayadhish and there was a balance of 1 of the past year, making a total of 4. of these, 2 were disposed of in which the decision in 1 was confirmed and in 1 modified. 2 appeals remained in arrears at the end of the year.

In the Hazur Court, there were 4 appeals. Of these, 2 were disposed of in which the decision in 1 was confirmed and 1 was remanded to the origi-

nal court. People had left Vala owing to plague in November 1917 and remained out till the end of March 1918 and at their request the hearing of appeals was postponed till they returned to Vala. Appendix XII.

Extradition.

53. The demand for extradition was usual and requires no special remarks.

Prisons.

54. There is only one prison in the State and that is at Vala. The guard duty at the prison is being performed by the regular police of the State. 17 prisoners were admitted during the year, of whom 13 were released and 4 remained at the end of the year. The total cost excluding that of the police guard was Rs. 207-15-5 against Rs. 238-8-1 in the previous year. In addition to the above, Rs. 191-15-0 were paid by the State as maintenance charge of a criminal lunatic confined in the Agency Jail, Rajkot. Thus the grand total of jail charges amounted to Rs. 399-14-5 during the year under Report. Appendix XIII.

55. 23 documents of an aggregate value of Rs. 7013-8-0 were registered during the year as against 22 of an aggregate value of Rs. 9879 in the previous year. Appendix XIV. The amount of fee realized was Rs. 153-8-0 as against Rs. 134-3-0 in the preceding year. Appendix XV.

Municipality.

56 The municipal affairs are being conducted by the State by maintaining a small establishment. The cleanliness of the town, lighting, watering and conservancy are the chief matters to be looked after. Municipal receipts amounted to Rs. 4453-0-5 and the expenditure was Rs. 5850-15-4 during the year as against Rs. 4853-2-5 and 6284-2-9 respectively in the previous year. Appendix XVI

CHAPTER IV.

Production aud Distribution.

Weather and crops.

57. As for the revenue matter, Samvat year 1973 was a twelve anna year. The rainfall was not timely and well distributed so the crops suffered.

58. The following is a comparative statement showing the areas of different crops under cultivation during the present year as well as the past year:—

Serial number.	Crops.	Areas under cultivation in acres (last yer.)	Areas under cultivation in acres (present year.)
1	Cotton, ...	7,544	23,680
2	Juwar.... ...	21,359	11,368
3	Wheat. ...	6,457	4,826
4	Bajri.... ...	1,844	205
5	Til.	2,263	1,782
6	Gram. ...	269	606
7	Miscellaneous	468	397
8	Sugarcane....	29	55
	Total...	40,233	42,919

Every effort was made to bring more land under cultivation by way of affording requisite facilities to the needy cultivators.

Outturn.

59. The outturn of the year Samvat 1973 was twelve annas in the rupee as alluded to above. Cotton crops suffered the most.

Wages.

60. The wages of labour throughout the year ranged between 6 and 8 annas per diem according to efficiency in work; but labour was scarce. Persons were coming from Gujarat to procure labourers offering high wages.

Staple food.

61. The prices of staple food remained high throughout the year.

Forest.

62. There is no forest in the State, but there are fruit trees such as mango, jambu and gunda in the Zillah villages.

Trees.

63. Great care is being taken of the road side trees which are chiefly nim trees and they are reared at some cost. They are watered from the garden well where water is lifted by an oil engine and pump.

Trade and manufacture.

64. There are no local industrial institutions worthy of mention in the State. The principal items of trade are cotton, wheat and juwari. The value of export amounted to Rs. 2,06,838 as against Rs. 1,28,977 in the previous year. The import amounted to Rs. 2,31,953 as against Rs. 2,07,218 in the preceding year.

Factory.

65. There is no factory of any sort in the State. The State maintains its own Workshop for its own use, and it turns out very good articles of furniture, carriages etc.

Ginning factory.

66. There is only one Ginning factory at Vala which belongs to Mr. Dinshaji Bamanji of Bhavnagar. Cotton from the neighbouring villages under Baroda and Bhavnagar is brought to this ginning factory.

Public works.

67. Appendix XIX deals with details of expenditure incurred on public works during tho Samvat year 1973. No original work was undertaken during the year. The principal items were special repairs to State utaras, other buildings and wall round the town. The total cost on public works amounted to Rs. 11,714-7-11.

Post Office.

68. There is a combined Post and Telegraph Office at Vala. In villages, school masters perform the postal work.

Mint.

69. There is no mint in this State.

Agricultural stock.

70. Appendix XX gives details of the agricultural stock. It shows a slight decrease.

Excise.

71. The total revenue in excise was Rs. 707 as against Rs. 596 in the previous year. The sale of liquor and opium on this side of the country is very limited. The use of ganja is nominal and tody is not produced here at all. Appendix XXI.

CHAPTER V.

Revenue and Finance.

72. The gross income of Samvat year 1973 was Rs. 2,68,689-1-9 including the income of the six villages under British jurisdiction, viz. Rs. 14,135-7-8. There was an opening balance of Rs. 16,021-5-5; thus making a grand total of Rs. 2,84,710-7-2. The expenditure was Rs. 2,64,649-0-5 including Rs. 30,000 paid towards Government loan instalments. There remained a opening balance of Rs. 20,061-6-9 on the 1st day of Samvat year 1974.

73. In order to pay off urgent liabilities, such as, the marriage debt, debt due to several Japtis, charitable funds etc., the State had applied for a loan of Rs. 74000 but the question is postponed for the present.

74. During the Samvat year 1973, the State has paid tribute and Government loan instalment together with arrear of tribute and half the amount of loan instalment for 1915-16 so kindly suspended by Government in the Samvat year 1972 on account of famine. Thus the State paid two years' tribute and Rs. 30,000 towards loan instalment even though it was a twelve anna year.

Liabilities.

75. The total liability of the Vala State on 31st March 1918 is as under :—

		Rs.
(*a*)	Balance of Government loan debt on account of famine and marriages incurred in St. 1968 / A. D. 1912	1,18,841-12—0
(*b*)	Famine loan debt incurred in St. 1972 / A. D. 1916	61,857—0—0
(*c*)	Amount of interest for the year 1917-18 on Government loan of St. 1968 / A. D. 1912 about ... (account not received from the Accountant General).	5,320-12—0
(*d*)	Amount of interest for the year 1916-17 on Famine loan of St. 1972 / A. D. 1916 ...	1,939—1—0
(*e*)	-ditto- for the year 1917-18 on -ditto- about... (account not received from the Accountant General-)	2,792—0—0
	Total Government debt...	1,90,750—9—0
(*f*)	Other private debts.	2,94,014—7—0
	Grand Total...	4,84,765—0—0

CHAPTER VI.

Vital Statistics.

Hospital.

76. There is only one hospital in this State called the "King Edward VII Memorial Hospital" at Vala. Mr. Darabshah Dinshah Mistry L. M. & S. was Medical Officer in charge throughout the year. He has been in this State service for nearly 10 years. His usual sympathetic and careful treatment has made him popular and the more so during the prevalence of plague when he treated plague cases with every care and caution and was ready at any moment to see patients and remained close to the hospital in order to afford medical relief. He also performed inoculation work. The benefits of the institution are freely enjoyed by the State people as well as by persons of the surrounding villages. The medical relief is given gratis at the expense of the State. The hospital building contains accommodation for 4 beds for males and 1 for female.

Patients treated.

77. The number of patients treated during the year under report was 7485 as against 8340 in the previous year. There were 17 indoor patients during the year.

Expenditure.

78. The total expenditure of the Medical Department in Samvat year 1973 was Rs. 3500-14-11 as against Rs. 3684-4-5 in the preceding year.

Vaccination.

79. The Vaccination Department is supervised and controlled by the Agency Surgeon, Kathiawar. The State has to pay its quota towards the expenses of vaccinators etc, The total number of children vaccinated was 567 of which 304 were boys and 263 girls as against a total of 658 in the preceding year. There was only one case of re-vaccination.

Births.

80. There were 389 births as against 485 in the previous year, the ratio being 29·89 per 1000 of population.

Deaths.

81. The number of deaths registered was 679 as against 305 in the previous year, the ratio per 1000 of population being 52·18 as against 23·44 in the previous year. The increase in the mortality was greatly due to the prevalence of plague for about three months.

CHAPTER VII.

Education.

82. There are in all 8 schools in the State :—

Schools.

1	Middle school teaching upto St. IV.
6	Primary boys' schools.
1	Girls' school.
8	

All the above schools are under the direct control and supervision of the Agency Educational Officer, Kathiawar.

Number of pupils.

83. During the year under report, the number of pupils was 444 as against 503 in the previous year. The average attendance was 290 as against 370 in the past year. The decrease is due to the prevalence of plague for about 3 months.

Medical Inspection.

84. During the year under report, the regular periodical medical inspection of the local schools of Vala was carried on with a view to enquire into the health of the school going children. It was found that children under 10 years of age were mostly suffering from eye sore.

Expenditure.

85. The total expenditure of all the schools during the Samvat year 1973 was Rs. 4033-6-3 as against Rs. 5054-6-8 in the previous year. Appendix XXV.

CHAPTER VIII.

Miscellaneous.

Printing Press.

86 There is no printing press in the State.

Library.

87. There is a free library maintained by the State, which is supplied with two daily English and two daily Vernacular and 6 weekly newspapers, also two illustrated weeklies, one from England and the other from Bombay.

Fire appliances.

88. There is a fire engine with hoses.

Weight and measure.

89. In the Vala State, grain was sold by measure such as Kalshi and Manas. The measures of villages differed and there were reasons to suppose that petty traders used to exercise tricks in measuring grain. In order to make uniformity, weight

was introduced by which the seller and buyer get equal advantage and no trick is apprehended. Now the grain is sold by weight. A maund is equal to 40 seers and one seer=40 tolas.

Scarcity allowance and increase of pay.

90. During the year the State has sanctioned scarcity allowance to lowly paid servants as follows: one rupee to all servants drawing pay upto Rs. 15 and Rs. 2 from Rs. 16 to Rs. 30. From 1st April 1918 State servants drawing salary above Rs. 30 upto Rs. 50 will also get Rs. 2. The State has sanctioned an increase of one Rupee in the salary of all menial servants and Rs. 2 in the salary of all Karkuns and officials drawing Rs. 8 to Rs. 38. Many had not received increase since long. This increase has given general satisfaction.

Conclusion.

91. Owing to the prevalence of plague, the work was greatly hampered. The members of the several establishments were accommodated in the neighbouring villages some at a distance of 5 or 6 miles and the cold was severe. The great burden lay on the Hazur office as the members of that office were living very near and were ready to do work at any time. They performed their onerous duties cheerfully.

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Appendix I.

Names of high officials in the Vala State and Residency officials showing changes in personnel during the year 1917.18.

Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
		From.	To.	
Ruttonji Pestonji Green. Retired Deputy Assistant Political Agent. Born 29 4-1856. Aged 61.	Kamdar.	1-4-1917.	31-3-1918	

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Appendix II

List of Laws in force in the Vala State 1917-18.

Description.	Whether adapted from British Indian Acts.	Introduced during year under report.	Remarks.
			No special laws of the State, but the spirit of the British laws is adopted

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Appendix III

Statement showing the strength, cost and other particulars of the Military Force in the Vala State, 1917-18.

Arm of service.	Number of Fighting officers and men.						Details of force at end of the current year.						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force, including followers.	Remarks.
	At the end of last year.	Recruited this year.	Casualties.			At the end of the current year.	Number of Regiments, Battalions or Batteries.	Number of guns.	Number of men.					
			Died.	Invalided.	Discharged, deserted, &c.				European Commissioned officers.	Native Commissioned officers.	Non-Commissioned officers.	Fighting men.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cavalry.														
Sappers														
Artillery	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Infantry														
Imperial Service Troops...														
Total ...														

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Appendix IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline and education of the Police in the Vala State for the year 1917-18.

Description. of Office	Number.	Pay of Grade.	Total cost (monthly).	Punishments.			Rewards.		Education.		Remarks.
				Dismissed.	Fined, degraded or suspended departmentally.	Punished judicially	By promotion	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number under instruction.	
Jamadar. ...	1	25	25	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Havaldar. ...	1	15	15	...	...	...	...	...	1		
do ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Full Naik. ...	2	12	24	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Lance Naik. ...	3	10	30	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Bugler ...	1	8	8	...	...	...	...	...	1		
First class Constable. ...	4	9	36	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Second class „ ...	3	8	24	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Third class „ ...	15	7	105	...	...	...	...	...	5		
Fourth class „ ...	1	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	0		
Fifth class „ ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0		
Total...	31		273						12		

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Appendix V.

Statement showing the working of the police in the Vala State, during the year 1917-18.

State.	Number of offences.		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial.		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns 4 and 5.)		Percentage convicted of accused sent for trial.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Vala.	90	108	93	101	93	101	37	45	56	*55	39·78	44·55	39·78	44·55	* One awaiting trial at the end of the year.

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Appendix VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and amount of recoveries in the Vala State, during the year 1917-18.

State.	Amount stolen.		Amount recovered.		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen.		Remarks
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			
Vala.	387-7-6	832-0-2	355-15-6	160-8-5	91·87	19·29	

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Appendix VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of and cases awaiting trial in the Vala State, during the year 1917-18.

Description of offences.	Number of offences.			No. of cases disposed of during the past year.	No. of cases disposed of during the present year	No. of persons apprehended.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons sentenced.							No. of persons acquitted or discharged.	No. of persons confined being insane.	No. of persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.									Awaiting trial.	Remarks.
	Balance from past year.	Committed during the present year.	Total					Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.		Fine only.	Whipping.	Total.				Under 1 month.	From 1 to 2months	„ 2 to 3 months.	„ 3 to 6 months.	„ 6 to 12 months.	„ 1 to 2 years.	„ 2 to 3 years.	„ 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.	Transportation.	Capitalpunishment		
								Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.																	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Forgery.	...	...	...																											
Theft.	...	14	14																											
Enticing a married woman.	...	4	4																											
Marrying again during the life time of husband	...	...	...																											
Simple hurt.	...	13	13																											
House breaking.	...	7	7	58	64	101	45	4	4	3	8	26	...	45	55	...	...	15	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Attempt to commit suicide.	...	1	1																											
Adultery.	...	2	2																											
Rape.	...	1	1																											
Possessing false weight.	...	...	...																											
Crimes against coinage rules	...	...	...																											
Miscellaneous.	...	62	62																											
Grievous hurt.	...	4	4																											
Total ...	...	108	108	58	64	101	45	4	4	3	8	26	...	45	55	...	...	15	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...

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Appendix VIII

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by various Courts in the Vala State during the year 1917-18.

Number.	Name of the Court.	No. of offences reported during the year.		Number of persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of						Remarks.
				Remaining at the end of the year.	Brought to trial in 1917-18					Total.								
		Past year.	Present year.		Arrested by Police	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntary.	Arrested in presence of the Magistrate.	Past year.	Present year.	Discharged without trial.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Persons remaining at the end of the year.	
1	Sar Nyayadhish Court.	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	
2	Nyayadhish Court.	42	64	...	41	6	11	...	4	38	62	7	30	24	...	...	1	
3	Third class Magistrate Court.	48	43	...	26	...	11	...	...	59	37	...	18	19	...	...	...	
	Total...	90	108	...	69	6	22	...	4	97	101	7	48	45	...	...	1	

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APPENDIX IX.

Statement showing the results of appeals against the decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Vala State during the year 1917-18.

State.	Tribunals.	Number of persons and cases.																	Remarks.
		Number of applications.	Applications rejected.		Sentences.						Proceedings quashed.		Referred.		Further inquiry &c. ordered.		Pending.		
					Confirmed.		Modified.		Referred.										
			Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
Vala.	Sar. Nyayadhish court.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Hazur court.	1	...	...	...	...	2	1						...	...	...	...	...	
	Total....	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX X.

Civil work.—Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Vala State during the year 1917-18.

Number.	Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		Suits filed during the present year.									Suits disposed of during the present year.						Remarks
		Past year	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Value. Rs.	Suits *re* landed property.	Suits for money transaction.	Suits for other rights.	No. of suits above Rs. 100.	No. of suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500.	No. of suits above Rs. 500 & under Rs. 1000.	No. of suits above Rs. 1000 & under Rs. 5000.	No. of suits above Rs. 5000.	*Ex parte.*	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of.	Value. Rs.	Average quaration.	
1	Sar Nyayadhish Court.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	M. D. ...	
2	Nyayadhish Court.	6	1	73	50	79	51	78	46	1	5	4362-11-7	1	46	3	34	14	1	1	...	10	25	1	10	7676-1-7	3-10	
	Total...	6	1	73	50	79	51	78	46	1	5	4362-11-7	1	46	3	34	14	1	1	...	10	25	1	10	7676-1-7		

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APPENDIX XI.

Civil work.—Results of applications for execution of decrees in the Vala State, during the year 1917-18.

Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Value of opening balance for present year.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of			Closing balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of.			Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for present year.	Below 6 months.	Below 12 months.	Above 12 months.	
			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.				
Sar Nyayadhish Court.	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Nyayadhish Court	28	173	38,247	324	203	32,525	352	376	70,772	179	271	47,457	173	105	23,315	91	4	10	
Total...	28	173	38,247	324	203	32,525	352	376	70,772	179	271	47,457	173	105	23,315	91	4	10	

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APPENDIX XII.

Civil work.—Number and result of appeals in civil suits in the Vala State during the year 1917-18.

Tribunal.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year.		Total.		Disposed of during.		Closing balance.		Value of appeals filed during Rs.		How disposed of.										Average duration.		Remarks.
													Decisions confirmed.		Decisions reversed.		Decisions amended.		Cases remanded for trial.		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of				
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
																							M. D.	M. D	
Sar Nyayadhish Court.	...	1	6	3	6	4	5	2	1	2*	1916-14 0	4177-13 0	4	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	6·4	13-26	*Owing to plague people left Vala since November & did not return till the end of March 1918. Hence two appeals remained undisposed of.
Hazur Court.	...	...	...	4	...	4	0	2	...	2	...	1575-0-0	0	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	5·7	
Total...	...	1	6	7	6	8	5	4	1	4	1916-14-0	5752-13-0	4	2	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...			

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Appendix XIII

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Vala State, during the year 1917-18.

Stations.	Number of prisons.	Number of prisoners.				Daily.		Number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners for the year St. 1973.	Average period of accused under trial.	Remarks showing the mortality among convicts in Jail.
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.				
										Days.	No death occurred during the year.
Vala.	1	1	17	26	18	2	2.63	4	•Rs. 207-15-5 " 191-15-0 Cost of a criminal lunatic in Rajkot Jail. 399-14-5	.72	* Cost of guards not included.

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Appendix XIV.

Registration of documents in the Vala State in the year 1917-18.

Name of State.	Documents presented for registration.		Nature of documents presented.										Documents registered.		Value of documents registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused.		Documents remaining unregistered pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds.		Wills		Money bonds.		Miscellaneous.										
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Vala.	22	25	16	14	6	7	...	...	...	...	...	4	22	23	Rs 9879-0-0	Rs. 7013-8-0	...	1	...	1	

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the Receipts and Expenditure of registration during the year 1917-18 in Vala State.

Description.	Past year.			Present year.		
	No. of deeds.	Value of property.	Fees realized.	No. of deeds.	Value of property.	Fees realized.
Mortgage with possession	16	8654	42	13	4982 8 ...	32 12 ...
Simple mortgage. ...	...	... ...	... ...	...	... ...	... ...
Sale	6	1225	92 3 ...	7	1532	113 4 ...
Urfructuary mortgage	...	... ...	... ...	...	... ...	... ...
Money bonds.	...	... ...	... ...	...	... ...	... ...
Will.	...	... ...	... ...	...	... ...	... ...
Miscellaneous	...	... ...	... ...	3	499 0 ...	7 8 ...
Total. ...	22	9879	134 3 ...	23	7013 8 ...	153 8 ...
Expenditure. ...	...	... ...	... ...	...	... ...	... ...
Total.	22	9879	134 3 ...	23	7013 8 ...	153 8 ...

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APPENDIX XVI.

Receipts and expenditure of the Municipality in the Vala State during the year St. 1973 Corresponding to 27-10-16 to 14-11-17.

Name.	Opening balance on 1st day of St. 1973 Kartak	Receipts during the year.		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on last day of St. 1973 Asho 30th	Remarks.
		Past	present		Past	present		
Vala.	...	Rs. 4853-2-5	Rs. 4453-0-5	Rs. 4453-0-5	Rs. 6284 2-9	Rs. 5850-15-4	...	The deficient is paid up by the State.

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Appendix XVII

Statement of Rain Fall in the Vala State during the year 1917-18.

State.	April 1917.	May 1917.	June 1917.	July 1917.	August 1917.	September 1917.	October 1917.	November 1917.	December 1917.	January 1918.	February 1918.	March 1918.	Total.	Total of past year.	Average of past 5 years.	Remarks
Vala.	0·0	3·13	5·57	4.55	10·77	9·76	10·80	0·0	0·0	0·0	0·0	0 0	44·64·58	20·56	25·95	

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Appendix XVIII

Statement as to prices of staple food-grains for the year 1917-18.

Article.	During March (past year). Bengali.			During March (present year) Bengali.			Remarks.
	M.	S.	T.	M.	S.	T.	
Wheat.	0	9	33	0	9	10	Per one rupee.
Bajri.	0	9	20	0	9	24	,,
Juwar.	0	12	11	0	14	14	,,
Gram.	0	9	20	0	9	11	,,

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APPENDIX XIX.

Expenditure on public Works, during the year St. 1973
Corresponding to 27-10-16 to 14-11-17.

Description of work.	State Funds.			Local Funds.			Totals	Remarks.
	Original.	Repairs.	Total.	Original.	Repairs.	Total.		
		Rs.	Rs.					
1 District Roads Repair.		1216—4—3	1216—4—3					
2 Repairs to Buildings.								
(*a*) Special repairs to buildings in Rajkot.		1783-14—7	1783-14—7					
(*b*) Do. to Utara at Songhad.		943-15—3	943-15—3					
(*c*) Repairs to Utaras in Kamlej Mahal.		321—1—6	321—1—6					
(*d*) Do. to Police and Sowars' Lines,		335—7—1	335—7—1					
(*e*) Do. to Wall round the Town &c.		811-15-11	811-15-11					
(*f*) Do. to Utaras in villages,		93—7—0	93—7—0					
(*g*) Do. to Travellers' bungalow.		149-12-11	149-12-11					
(*h*) Do. to School Buildings.		115-12-11	115-12-11					
(*i*) Do. to Darbari Buildings.		1771—4—0	1771—4—0					
3 Repairs to Wells and Tanks in villages.		112—5—1	112—5—1					
4. Do. to River Bunds.		51-11—0	51-11—0					
5 Water Works expenses.			1223—8—8					
6 P. W. Establishment including T. A.			2783-15—9					
Total....			11714-7-11					

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APPENDIX XX.

Agricultural stock in the Vala State during the year 1917–18.

District.	year.	Horses and cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts.	
		Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes.		Horses.	Mares.	Colts and fillies.	Asses.	Sheep and goats.	With two bullocks.	With four bullocks.	Riding.	Load carrying.
				Males.	Females.									
Vala.	1917-18	3287	1875	996	1466	60	126	18	113	5707	1222	306	21	508

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APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the Excise Shops and Excise Revenue of the Vala State, during the year 1917-18.

(St. 1973) corresponding to 27-10-16 to 14-11-17.

Name of State.	Country spirit		Opium.		Ganja.		Todi.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of Shops.	Revenue	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	Number of Shops.	Revenue.	
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	
Vala.	3	131	4	554	1	22	...	...	8	707	

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Appendix

Statement showing the receipts and charges of the 27-10-16 to 14-11-17.

No. of Heads.	Receipts. Name of Heads.		Actuals of St. 1973. Rs.	A.	P.
	Opening Balance.				
	Cash in Vala Treasury	12289—7—11			
	In the Bank of Bombay, Rajkot Branch.	3731—13—6	16,021	5	5
		16,021—5—5			
I.	Land Revenue ...		1,46,890	1	6
II.	Taxes. ...		6327	2	6
III.	Sayer. ...		13,999	2	3
IV.	Law and Justice. ...		3507	11	6
V.	Education Varad from Bhayats. ...		665	6	7
VI.	Interest (cash receipt). ...		1269	11	2
VII.	Miscellaneous including produce of Oghachhut Patis ...		16,365	14	0
VIII.	Difference in the prices of grain, grass &c. ...		1638	1	9
IX.	Recovery of advances and outstanding dues &c. ...		24,052	2	4
X.	Refund. ...		1022	1	6
XI.	Sale Proceeds of P. W. Stores Materials. ...		50	4	11
	Total of Heads I to XI.		2,15,787	12	0
XII.	Adjustments :...				
	(a) Outstanding dues of the year. ...		4598	14	5
	(b) Interest (paper entry) ...		17,845	0	1
	(c) Items of interest, advances, outstanding dues and Oghachhut transactions written off.		23,857	7	3
	(d) Amount due to the Mahajans. ...		6600	0	0
			52901	5	9
	Grand Total Rs.		2,84,710	7	2

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Vala State for the Samvat year 1973 corresponding to

No. of Heads.	Expenditure. Name of Heads.	Actuals of St. 1973. Rs.		
I.	General Administration including Revenue, Law and Justice.	25,934	4	10
II.	Jail Charges	399	14	5
III.	Police Charges	13,620	9	11
IV.	Political Charges including Jama for Zillah villages.	25,691	11	7
V.	Bardashi expenses. ...	2167	14	5
VI.	Education expenses.	4033	6	3
VII.	Agriculture.	11,476	8	4
VIII.	P. W. D. Expenses including Workshop and water-works.	11,714	7	11
IX.	Darbar charges including stables	60,064	12	1
X.	Pensions and Dharmada	3396	11	2
XI.	Municipal Expenses	5850	15	4
XII.	Medical Charges.	3500	14	11
XIII.	Revenue Survey	874	5	3
XIV.	Miscellaneous including Oghachhut expenses ...	6166	4	2
XV.	Travellers' Bungalow and Dharamsala	39	9	8
XVI.	Remissions and Refunds of fees, fines &c. ...	564	8	10
XVII.	Taccavi & advances to cultivators &c.	4980	1	6
XVIII.	Purchase of P. W. Stores materials, grass and fire-wood.	1270	10	1
	—Total of heads I to XVIII.	1,81,747	10	8
XIX.	Payment of Government Loan Instalment of Rs. 20,000 + 10,000 on account of the arrear of 1915-16.	30,000	0	0
		2,11,747	10	8
XX.	Adjustments as shown under the head XII on the receipt side...	52,901	5	9
		2,64,649	0	5
	Closing Balance...	20,061	6	9
	Cash in Vala Treasury ... 14,377-7-9			
	In the Bank of Bombay, Rajkot Branch. ... 2683-15-0			
	Invested in War Bond ... 3000- 0-0			
	20,061- 6-9			
	Grand Total...	2,84,710	7	2

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The total Liability of the State on 31st March 1918, is as under:—

		Rs.
(*a*)	Balance of Government Loan debt on account of famine and marriages incurred in $\frac{\text{St. 1968}}{\text{A. D. 1912}}$	1,18,841-12-0
(*b*)	Famine Loan debt incurred in $\frac{\text{St. 1972}}{\text{A. D. 1916}}$	61,857-0-0
(*c*)	Amount of interest for the year 1917.18 on Government Loan of $\frac{\text{St. 1968}}{\text{A. D. 1912}}$ about.	5320-12-0
	(Account not received from the Accountant-General)	
(*d*)	Amount of interest for the year ~~1917-18~~ 1916-17 on famine loan of $\frac{\text{St. 1972}}{\text{A. D. 1916}}$ ...	1939-1-0
(*e*)	Do for the year 1917-18 of Do about	2792-0-0
	(Account not received from the Accountant General)	
(*f*)	Other private debts including interest ...	2,94,014-7-0
		4,84,765-0-0

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APPENDIX XXIII.

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Vala State during the year 1917-18.

Dispensary.	Number of patients treated		Results of in-door patients				Expenditure St. 1973 27-10-16 to 14-11-17	Daily average	Remarks
	Out-door.	In-door	Discharged	Absented	Died	Remaining under treatment			
Vala.	7485	17	17	...	...	...	Rs. 3500-14-11	65	

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APPENDIX XXIV.

Statement showing Vital statistics of the Vala State for the year 1917-18.

Name of State.	Population.	Births.		Increase	Decrease.	Deaths.		Increase.	Decrease.	Ratio per 1,000 of population				Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year			Past year.	Presentyear.			Births.		Deaths.		
										Past year.	present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
Vala.	13011	485	389	...	96	305	679	* 374	...	37·27	29·89	23·44	52·18	Increase in the mortality is greatly due to Plague.

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APPENDIX XXV

Statement showing Particulars as to the Schools maintained by the Vala State for the year 1917-18

Number of Schools.		Description of Schools.	Number of pupils on roll on 31st March.		Average daily attendance.		Expenditure. St. 1973 (27-10-16 to 14-11-17)			Remarks.
Past year.	Present year		Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	High School	Secondary.	Primary.	
1	1	Middle School.	59	49	40·1	37·7		994-4-6		
6	6	Primary boys' School.	346	316	266·9	203·2			2384-12-1	
1	1	Do.—Girls' School.	98	79	64·2	50·3			654-5-8	
							Total...	Rs 4033-6-3		

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APPENDIX XXVI

Political Relations Form 1.

No-	Name of State.	In subsidiary alliance or Feudatory.	Tribute in men or money.		Estimated population.	Number of Schools.	Number of persons being taught.	Number of persons Vaccinated.	Supposed gross revenue.	Estimated expenditure	Military force.	Principal articles of production manufacture and mines.	Remarks.
			Amount.	Tribute Payable to									
1	Vala.	Tributary.	6854-0-0 2348-0-0 4090-0-6	Gaekwar Peshkashi, Junagadh Zortalbi. Jama for Zillah villages	13,011	8	444	567	Rs. 268689-0-4	Rs. 264649-0-9	* Mounted Police 20 Foot Police 50 Guns { 2 serviceable. 2 unserviceable.	Grain and cotton are the principal articles of production. No manufacture nor mines.	* In mounted Police there are 7 vacancies. In foot police there are 19 vacancies. Really speaking one gun is serviceable for saluting purpose the other one is a very small gun & is not used at all.

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APPENDIX XXVII.

Political Relation Form II.

No.	Name of individual State and family to which he belongs.	Residence.	Present position.	Caste race or religion.	Age.	How and where educated.	How employed.	Has Sanad authorizing adoption or not.	Familyfollows Primogeniture or not.	Has male heir or not.	Remarks. (Birth dates) Native era. Christian era.
1	Raol Shri Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji Gohil.	Vala.	Vala Thakor.	Hindu Rajput.	54	Rajkumar College Rajkot.	Ruling Chief.	No.	Yes.	Yes.	Asho Vad 4th 30-10-~~1896~~ 1913 St. 1919.
2	Gambhirsinhji Vakhatsinhji Gohil.	,,	Heir apparent.	,,	28	Harrow School England.					Chaitra Vad 24-4-1889 $\frac{9}{10}$th St. 1945.
3	Bahadursinhji Gambhirsinhji Gohil.	,,	Son of K. S. Gambhirsinhji.	,,	over 1 year.						Bhadarva Vad 16-9-1916 $\frac{5}{6}$th St. 1972.
4	Mangalsinhji Vakhatsinhji Gohil.	,,	Second son of the chief.	,,	22	Wadhwan Girasia School.					Ashad Sud $\frac{4}{5}$th 26-6-1895 St. 1951.
5	Kanaksinhji Mangalsinhji Gohil.	,,	1st son of K. S. Mangalsinhji.	,,	5						Maha sud 10th 16-2-1913 St. 1969.
6	Jasvatsinhji Mangalsinhji Gohil.	,,	2nd son. of K. S. Mangalsinhji.	,,	2						Chaitra Vad 9-4-1915 10th St. 1971.
7	Ruttonji Pestonji Green Retired Deputy Assistant Political Agent.	Surat at present Vala.	Kamdar.	Parsi.	61	Matric from the Elphinstone High School Bombay also studied in the Grant Medical College Bombay					

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Administration Report

OF THE

VALA STATE

for the year 1918-19.

CHAPTER I.

GENERAL and POLITICAL.

Status and situation.

1. Vala is a 3rd class State, in the Gohilvad Prant under the Kathiawar Political Agency lying between 21°-51′ and 22°-1′ North Latitude and 71°-50′ and 72°-3′ East Longitude. It has an area of 190·3 Sq. miles and is bounded on all sides by the Bhavnagar State, Chamardi Thana limit and the villages under the Baroda State.

2. Vala—the ancient Valabhipur, is the capital of the State and is situated on the river Ghelo or Utavli. It is abont 22 miles north-west of Bhavnagar, 16 miles north of Songad Civil Station, the head quarters of the Gohilvad Prant, and 11 miles north-east of Dhola Junction Station on the Bhavnagar State Railway, which is the nearest Railway Station. There is a good metalled road with culverts all along except at one place near Umrala in the Bhavnagar State limit about 5½ miles from Vala where the river Kalubhar passes. This is a very large river with a sandy bed. During the monsoon, when the river is in flood, it becomes impassable and the traffic is generally suspended till the flood subsides. If His Highness the Maharaja Saheb of Bhavnagar is pleased to take up the matter and construct a causeway it will be a great blessing to the public in general and will relieve hardship to passengers and carts.

Villages.

3. The State consists of 40 villages. It also owns the revenue rights in 6 villages under British Jurisdiction under Gogo and Dhandhuka Mahals.

Population.

4. The population of the State according to the Census of 1911, is 13011 souls-6731 males and 6280 females. The population of Vala the capital is 3989 souls 2021 males and 1968 females.

Country.

5. The physical aspect of the country is generally flat, the soil being partly black and stony and partly alluvial.

Rivers.

6. The rivers which traverse the State are Ghelo, Utavli, Keri and Kalubhar, but there remains no water in any of them except in the monsoon.

Grass bids.

7. There are six grass bids:— 3 at Vala, 1 at Moti-Dharai, 1 at Nasitpur, and 1 at Chada.

Forests.

8. There is no forest in the State. There is, however, a large and good plantation of mango, gunda and Jambu fruit trees in Kamlej, Undvi and other villages under British Jurisdiction in Gogo Mahal.

9. The expenditure on the above plantation during the Samvat year 1974 i. e. from 15-11-17 to 3-11-18, was, Rs. 11,562-3-10 as against Rs. 2607-13-10 in the previous year and the receipts amounted to Rs. 4848-12-1 as against 4242-12-2 in the preceding year. The marked excess in the item of expenditure is due to the extra cost incurred in purchasing two oil engines with requisite centrifugal pumps, in fitting up machinery and the construction of sheds, dhorias &c., in the plantations at Kamlej and Undvi. The plantation at Kamlej is very large; it was watered by kos & the cost of maintaining several pairs of bullocks was great.

Revenue.

10. The gross revenue of the State, excluding that of the six villages under British Jurisdiction, based on an average of past 5 years is Rs. 1,94,781/—.

Harmony of Religion.

11. Notwithstanding the major part of the population being that of Hindus and only a few Mahomedans, it is satisfactory to note that there has never been a case of ill-feeling or disturbance between the two religionists during their respective holidays.

Railway.

12. There is no Railway in the State. The construction of a light railway or electric tramway between Dhola and Vala is a real necessity and it is hoped His Highness the Maharaja Saheb of Bhavnagar will be pleased to extend a branch line if the Agency would be pleased to bring the matter to His Highnesss' notice.

Sanitary condition.

13. During the year under report unfortunately influenza visited Vala and all villages. The epidemic made its first appearance in a mild form early in September, raged in full force in October and November and abated in December 1918. The State took every precaution to check the spread; specific mixtures were ordered and distributed in Vala as well as in villages. The total mortality was 175 in Vala and 440 in outlying villages, making a grand total of 615.

Water supply.

14. There was no scarcity of drinking water except in the latter part of the year in the Bhal villages. There are no wells there. Tanks were deepened and extended in those villages during the famine of 1916; hence water lasted for about two years.

Tribute.

15. The State annually pays Rs. 13292-0-6 to the British Government as under:—

Rs.	6854—0—0	for Gaekwar Peshkashi
,,	2348—0—0	,, Junagadh Zortalbi
,,	4090—0—6	Jamabandi on Zilla villages
Rs.	13292—0—6	

political status.

16. Vala is a 3rd class State in the Gohilvad Prant under the Kathiawar Political Agency. Thakor Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji is a Gohil Rajput and enjoys the privilege of an official visit and return visit to and by His Excellency the Governor of Bombay.

Jurisdiction.

17. The State exercises jurisdictional powers of a 3rd class State, i. e. passes sentences upto 7 years' rigorous imprisonment and fine upto Rs. 10,000/- in criminal matters and hears civil suits upto the value of Rs. 20,000/- in the forty villages under Agency jurisdiction. In the six Zilla villages, the civil and criminal jurisdiction rests with the Zilla Courts, while the full revenue jurisdiction is being exercised by this State.

The chief and his family.

18. The present Thakor Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji Gohil has received his education in the eighties at the Rajkumar College, Rajkot. He has been away since November 16, 1914 and has delegated his powers to his Kamdar. The administration of the State is thus conducted under certain agreement with the Agency by Ruttonji Pestonji Green a retired Deputy Assistant Political Agent.

progeny.

19. The Chief has two sons and a daughter. The latter has been married to H. H. the Raj Saheb of Wankaner some 14 years ago and she is the mother of the heir-apparent of Wankaner. Of the two Kumars, K. S. Gambhirsinhji, the heir-apparent, is 29 years of age. He has received his education at Harrow School in England. He has also undergone a course of instruction at Dehra-Dun. He is blessed with a daughter on 25th February 1919. The second Kumar K. S. Mangalsinhji is 23 years old. He has completed his course at the Talukdari Girasia School at Wadhwan, but unfortunately failed to pass the School Final Examination twice and left the School. He had a mind to join the Cadet Corps at DehraDun, but that institution was closed owing to the War. He has two sons K. S. Kanaksinhji and Jasvat-sinhji, the former being 6 and the latter nearly 4 years old.

20. There were two sad events in the Chief's family during the year under report. K. S. Bahadursinhji the only son of K. S. Gambhirsinhji the heir-apparent aged two years, died of dysentery and fever on the night of the 9th October 1918. A few days after this sad event, the Chief's mother Raj Matushri, Ba Ma Saheb Shri Sundarba, aged nearly 75 died of influenza on the night of 27th October 1918. These two events occurred in the last month of Samvat year 1974 and a little before the New Year Samvat 1975. These events cast a gloom and the festivity of the New Year was abandoned and mourning was observed by the State and the public.

History of the State.

21. A detailed history of the State is given in the previous Administration reports and it is needless to repeat it here.

Visits of the Politi-cal Agent.

22. W. C. Tudor-Owen Esquire, I. C. S., Political Agent, Gohilvad Prant, paid two flying visits to Vala on 21st November 1918 and 9th January 1919 to see the famine condition of Vala and neighbouring villages under the Songad Thana.

Alienation and boundary dispute.

23. The Baroda State has not erected pillars yet on the Monpur Saness boundary. It is presumed that State intends to appeal again but much time is lost.

Relation with the Bhayats.

24. The relation with the Bhayats continued to be satisfactory throughout the year. There was no dispute and no complaint from the Bhayats. The School at Rampur, referred to in para 23 of the last year's report, is making a favourable progress. A Bhayat of Rathali and his son both

died leaving a minor son aged about 5 years. The estate is under the operation of the Encumbered Estates Rules owing to a heavy debt incurred by the deceased Bhayat. There were some ornaments of an aggregate value of Rs. 700 with the Bhayat. Mr. Maganlal Khetshi Mehta, the Rajprakrani Court Officer was ordered to make an inventory of the ornaments, to keep ordinary wearing articles with the widows and to send the surplus ones under seal for safe custody in the treasury in the interest of the minor boy. He found ornaments worth about Rs. 200 of ordinary use and placed the surplus ornaments of the value of about Rs. 500 in a sealed box. The boy's grandmother then gave the box to Mr. Maganlal but somehow or other he after taking charge of the box returned it to the Bai. This matter encouraged the Bai. She was instigated to oppose by two or three other Bhayats who are deadly against the State. She took up a defiant attitude and refused to hand over the ornaments. Her Jivai is stopped till she accounts for the ornaments. She then stated at a personal interview that the three Bhayats who had gone with K. S. Gambhirsinhji to Cutch were expected shortly and on their return she would consult them and act accordingly. They returned, but she stated she had no intention of handing over the ornaments for safe custody. Her daughter who lives in Kherali petitioned to the Political Agent, Jhalavad Prant, claiming all ornaments as belonged to her; while the mother stated that two ornaments viz. gold bar and a silver movta of sword belonged to her daughter. Both differed in their claims. Lately on my visit to the village she asked me to hear her and then stated that she had sold all ornaments and the money was expended as it was famine time. She requested me for her Jivai. She was told that her Jivai is stopped. She cannot dispose of property belonging to her grand son who is a minor and whose estate is under the operation of the Encumbered Estates Rules. She was given option to keep ornaments which were of ordinary use but she won't hear anything. She is following bad advice of certain Bhayats. It may be stated here that there was a solid bar of gold weighing 10 tolas which is not an ornament which she could keep. The piece should have been kept in safe custody or its proceeds should have been credited to the estate. She knows that she will not have the use of these ornaments during her life time, she being an elderly lady. She wants to make money and proposes all sorts of expenditure for a boy of 5 years old. The mother of the minor boy does not say anything but her mother-in-law has taken up a defiant attitude. The boy's guardian is his mother and not the mother of the boy's father.

25. In the Rajprakarni Court, there were 50 suits in arrears of the last year and two new suits were filed during the year under report, making a total of 52. Of these, 18 are disposed of leaving a balance of 34 at the end of the year. The number mostly comprises suits under the Encumbered Estates Rules. The work was retarded owing to influenza and famine, as the officer is constantly moving in the villages.

War.

26. The most noteworthy and laudable event of the year, was the cessation of hostilities of the world-wide war, crowned with the glorious triumph of the Allies.

27. The undermentioned details show, what, this State has done for the war during the period it continued.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN CASH.

Rs.	
4955-7-4	Subscriptions either monthly or in lump in cash paid by the State, Durbar family, State servants and the public from September 1914 to December 1918 to the different War funds.
1567-0-0	Quota paid by this State towards the motor car ambulance presented to His Imperial Majesty from the Kathiawar States.
750-0-0	Price realized of one male elephant presented by the State to the Rajkot Lucky Bag.
1000-0-0	Price realized for elephant's false teeth.
500-0-0	Purchase of 500 Rajkot Lucky Bag lottery tickets.
216-0-0	Subscription paid towards the Royal silver wedding Fund.
8988-7-4	

WAR LOAN.

The State and the public subscribed to the first War Loan to the extent of Rs. 12,266-4-0 and to the second War Loan Rs. 3720 making a total of Rs. 15,986-4-0.

28. Over and above this, the State supplied for war purposes in 1915 one single poled tent double topped 26' × 26'

29. Recruiting was also not lost sight of. Regular recruiting work was started in Kathiawar from February 1918, and from time upto the period it was closed, this State gave 17 combatants and 6 non-combatants thus making a total of 23, at the rate of one unit per ten thousand of population.

CHAPTER II.

ADMINISTRATION OF LAND.

Revenue year.

30. The revenue year of the State is the Hindu Kartaki year which begins with Kartak Sud 1st and ends with Divali (i.e. from 15-11-17 to 3-11-18). The land produce therefore, which this report deals with, is for the Samvat year 1974, and the revenue and expenditure are also for that year.

Rainfall.

31. The rainfall during the Samvat year 1974 was 44 inches and 64 cents against 20 inches and 56 cents in the previous year viz. in Samvat 1973. The average of the past 5 years comes to 22 inches and 46 cents. Though the total rainfall was very nearly double the usual average yet the result was below the average. The monsoon broke out early and continued till the end of October. Agtar crop of Juvar and Bajri was destroyed by Khapedi insects. Cotton was sown in their place, Most part of the area was thus under cotton cultivation, but that crop suffered greatly owing to excessive rainfall. As the major portion of the land was occupied in cotton crop, very little area was reserved for wheat crop. The year was a 6 anni year, but owing to the high prices of cotton and wheat which prevailed during the war the State was able to go on with the administration.

Nature of land.

32. The country is flat. For physical characteristic, the lands of the State can be divided into two main divisions viz. eastern and western. The eastern division consists of alluvial soil known as Bhal, where wheat is grown without irrigation. The western half is ordinarily black soil where irrigation is done by wells. In the former division sweet water is not available and so it is entirely dependent upon timely good fall of rain.

33. As for revenue and expenditure this report is for the samvat year 1974 (15-11-17 to 3-11-18) but as for other matters, this report deals with the official year 1918-19.

Water Supply.

34. Generally there is scarcity of water for drinking purposes in the eastern division of Bhal alluvial land. Most of the Bhal villages have tanks and since they have been deepened and extended in Samvat year 1972 i. e. A. D. 1916, the difficulty is mostly overcome ; but everything depends on good fall of rain. This year the rainfall was only 7 inches and 75 cents, i. e. about 1/3 of the

average annual quantity. There was no water in the above tanks in the latter part of the year and the people had to go to reside in neighbouring villages. The work of extending these tanks side ways, as a famine relief work was under contemplation in order that they can hold larger volume of water. They cannot be deepened any further because the land is saltish. Labour is scarce and labourers do not come forward for such a work owing to harvest time.

Water works at Vala.

35. The water works at Vala continued as usual to supply water to Darbargad, garden, for rearing trees round the town and watering roads. The tank at Vala contained sufficient quantity of water for some months but there is now very little water.

Agricultural condition.

36. The condition of cultivators was good throughout the year. Needy cultivators were given advances for kos, varat seeds, sinking of wells, purchase of bullocks, grain for maintenance and fodder for cattle. As the kharif crops failed owing to scanty rainfall, cultivators were given favourable concessions in connection with the crops which they raised by irrigation. In spite of the unfavourable aspect of the year the agricultural stock fared well but there was mortality in some villages owing to small pox which prevailed among the cattle.

37. Recovery of outstanding dues was totally suspended this year owing to famine conditions of the year ; and in the villages where farm system prevails remission and suspension are made.

Crops.

38. The chief produce of the State are juvar, bajri, cotton, wheat, til and pulse.

Land revenue.

39. The land revenue of the State excluding that of the zilla villages, during the revenue year, Samvat 1974 (15-11-17 to 3-11-18) was Rs. 1,72,807-5-9 while that of the six Zilla villages was Rs. 11,343-6-6 making a grand total of Rs. 1,84, 150-12-3

Storage of fodder.

40. All surplus grass of the State bids is, as a rule, being stored and not sold. The outturn of grass this year was very little owing to scanty fall of rain. But the State had a sufficient stock of previous years' surplus for State animals but for needy cultivators and others the State has purchased kurbi and bata from those who had surplus stock. The cultivators have also sown lucerne grass, carrots, chasatia &c.

General.

41. Up to the end of the official year no pinch of famine is felt, but it might be felt later on. Necessity for opening of relief works has not arisen yet. No one is willing to accept relief rates. They want wages according to market rate i. e. 8 to 10 annas a day as labour is scarce.

Gratuitous Relief.

42. No grant of regular gratuitous relief was yet required, still with a view to help real needy and infirm persons, minute inquiries were made and orders were given for grant of such relief in grain and clothes where found necessary.

Aid to Girasias.

43. Bhayats and Girasias were also given timely aid by advances of loan to them for maintenance. They are also given further advances for clothing, kos, varat, seeds, fodder &c.

In order to afford speedy relief; to know and satisfy the just requirements and to be in touch of the people, the respective Vahivatdars, the Revenue Assistant, the Rajprakarni Officer and the Kamdar are constantly moving in the villages.

CHAPTER III.

PROTECTION.

Legislation.

44. The State has adopted the spirit of the British Civil and Criminal Laws in all the Courts and in minor matters such as registration and the like, has framed its own rules.

Military.

45. There is no military force in the State.

Police.

46. The force consists of 20 mounted and 50 foot police, but at present there are on the roll 13 mounted and 31 foot police which number suffices for our present requirement.

Working of the Police.

47. The total number of offences reported during the year was 110 as against 108 in the previous year and that of the accused arrested and sent for trial was 98 as against 101 in the past year. Out of 98 brought to trial, 34 were convicted and 63 were acquitted or discharged and 1 died of influenza while he was on bail. The percentage of convictions was 34·69 as against 44·55 in the previous year.

Stolen Property.

48. The approximate value of property alleged to have been stolen during the year amounted to Rs. 2059-8-10 as against Rs. 832-0-2 during the previous year; while that of the property recovered was Rs. 804-5-4 as against Rs. 160-8-5 in the

preceding year ; thus giving a percentage of 39·05 as against 19·29 of the last year (Appendix VI.).

Crimes.

49. Particulars of crimes committed, detected and punished are given in Appendix VII. There was no serious offence during the year.

CIVIL JUSTICE.

Courts.

50. There are three Courts of Civil Justice in the State:— (1) Nyayadhish Court which takes cognizance of suits upto the value of Rs. 5000. (2) Sar Nyayadhish Court which hears suits above Rs. 5000 upto Rs. 20,000 ; besides being a Court of appeal against the decisions passed by the Nyayadhish and (3) Hazur Court, which is the highest appellate Court of the State, has no original work. Details of work done by each Court during the year under report are given in appendices X & XII.

51. In addition to the above mentioned Courts there is one more Court called the Rajprakarni Court, presided over by the Sar-Nyayadhish, which hears and decides suits relating to bhayats, mulgirasias and the like. Appeals from the decisions lie to the Hazur Court.

52. The State has the power to hear suits upto the value of Rs. 20,000-in civil matters, the same power as is being exercised by other 3rd class States of Kathiawar.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

53. There are three Courts of Criminal justice in the State viz:- (1) the First Class Magistrate's Court, (2) the Sessions Court and (3) the Hazur Court. The Sar Nyayadhish presides in the Sessions Court. The Hazur Court is the highest Court of appeal and revision. It has no original work. Details of the work done by each court during the year are given in appendices VIII and IX.

54. The following powers are exercised by the Criminal Courts :—

The First Class Magistrate's Court :—It is called the Nyayadhish Court and exercises the powers of awarding sentence of imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years and fine not exceeding Rs. 1000; also exercises the following additional powers :—

(a) Whipping.

(b) To require security for good behaviour.

(c) To try summarily according to the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code.

The Sar Nyayadhish is the District Magistrate as also the Sessions Judge. This court has power to award sentence upto 7 years' imprisonment of either description and fine not exceeding Rs. 10,000/-.

55. The State has powers to award sentence upto 7 years' imprisonment of either description and fine to the extent of Rs. 10,000/-; as is exercised by other 3rd class States of Kathiawar.

56. Offences beyond the jurisdiction of this State and of murder and dacoity with murder are committed for trial to the Principal Court of Criminal Justice in Kathiawar.

57. To sum up. The Hazur Court is the highest and final court of appeal in civil and criminal matters. Appeals from the decisions of the Nyayadhish in civil suits are heard by the Sar Nyayadhish and second appeals from the Sar Nyayadhish's decisions are heard by the Hazur Court. Appeals from the decisions of the Sar Nyayadhish in original civil suits are also heard by the Hazur Court.

58. In criminal matters, the Sar Nyayadhish hears appeals from the decisions of the First Class Magistrate. Appeals in sessions cases decided by the Sar Nyayadhish are heard by the Hazur Court. Revision applications from the decisions in criminal cases lie to the Hazur Court.

59. Appendix VIII deals with the number and nature of offences reported to the Criminal Courts. These offences comprised 98 persons of whom 34 were convicted, 48 acquitted and 15 discharged as against 45, 48 and 7 respectively in the previous year; while 1 died during the course of the trial.

Criminal appeals.

60. There was only one criminal appeal which was disposed of by the Sar Nyayadhish in which the decision was confirmed. One revision application was filed and disposed of by the Hazur Court. Appendix IX.

Civil suits.

61. 48 civil suits of an aggregate value of Rs. 2716-0-2 were filed during the year. There was a balance of 5 suits, making a total of 53. Of these 53, 49 suits of the value of Rs. 3756-0-2 were disposed of during the year, while 4 remained undisposed of at the end of the year.

62. 224 applications for execution of the decrees of the value of Rs. 42,308/- were on the file during the year of which 221 of the value of Rs. 41,610/- were disposed of leaving a balance of 3 undisposed of at the end of the year. Appendix XI.

Execution of decrees.

63. During the year under report one appeal was filed in the court of the Sar Nyayadhish and there was a balance of 2 of the past year, making a total of 3. All the three were disposed of, in which the decisions in 2 were confirmed and in 1 modified. In the Hazur Court, 4 appeals were filed during the year and there was a balance of 2 of the previous year thus making a total of 6. of these, 5 were disposed of in which the decision in 1 was confirmed, in 3 modified and 1 was remanded to the original court. There remained only one appeal undisposed of.

Civil Appeals.

64. Three revision applications were filed during the year in the Hazur Court all of which were disposed of.

Revision applications.

65. The demand for extradition was usual. But there was a case in which a difference of opinion arose as to the scene of offence between the Baroda State and this State, the offence having been committed in the sim of border villages. Thus Baroda authorities made out a cross case. Through the good offices of the Political Agent, Gohilwad Prant, it has now been settled that the cross cases be tried jointly by the Magistrates of Amreli and Vala at Ratanpur under Amreli Mahal. The date is not fixed. The matter took more than a year in correspondence.

Extradition.

66. There is only one prison in the State and that is at Vala. The guard duty at the prison is being performed by the regular police of the State. 19 prisoners were admitted during the year of whom 18 were released and one remained at the end of the year. The total cost excluding that of the Police guard was Rs. 515-12-0 as against Rs. 207-15-5 in the previous year. In addition to the above Rs. 177-9-0 were paid by the State as maintenance charge of a criminal lunatic confined in the Agency Jail, Rajkot. Thus the grand total of Jail charges amounted to Rs. 693-5-0 during the year Samvat 1974 (15-11-17 to 3-11-18). Appendix XIII.

Prisons.

67. 29 documents of an aggregate value of Rs. 29524/- were registered during the year as against 23 of the value of Rs. 7013-8-0 in the previous year. Appendix XIV. The amount of fee realized was Rs. 458-3-0 as against Rs. 153-8-0 in the preceding year. Appendix XV.

Registration

68. The Municipal affairs are being conducted by the State by maintaining a small establishment. The cleanliness of the town, lighting, watering and conservancy are the chief matters to be looked after. Municipal receipts amounted to Rs. 4892-4-6 and the expenditure was Rs. 6437-1-3 during the year as against Rs. 4453-0-5 and Rs. 5850-15-4 respectively in the previous year. Appendix XVI. The excess is due to epidemics, *viz*, plague and influenza.

Municipality.

CHAPTER IV.

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION.

69. As for the revenue matter, Samvat year 1974 was a 6 anna year as stated in para 31 supra. The rainfall was not timely and well distributed, hence all crops suffered.

Weather and crops

70. The following is a comparative statement showing the areas of different crops under cultivation during the present year as well as the past year :—

Serial number	Crops	Areas under cultivation in acres (last year)	Areas uuder cultivation in acres (present year)
1	Cotton	23680	15443
2	Juwar	11368	16320
3	Wheat	4826	753
4	Bajri	205	983
5	Til	1782	5
6	Gram	606	0
7	Miscellaneous	397	137
8	Sugarcane	55	140
	Total...	42919	33781

Decrease in the area under cultivation during the year under report is due to very scanty rainfall. The cultivators were afforded every sort of facility;

but epidemics interfered in the way of cultivation, as persons were ill for a long time.

Outturn.

71. The outturn of the year Samvat 1974 was six annas in the rupee as alluded to above. Principally the agtar and cotton crops suffered greatly.

Wages.

72. The wages of labour throughout the year ranged between 6 and 8 annas per diem according to efficiency but labour was scarce.

Staple food.

73. The prices of staple food grains remained unprecedentedly high throughout the year.

Forest.

74. There is no forest in the State, but there are fruit trees such as mango, jámbu and gunda in the Zilla villages.

Trees.

75. Great care is being taken of the road side trees which are chiefly nim trees and they are reared at some cost. They are watered from the garden well where an oil engine and pump work.

Trade and Manufacture

76. There are no local industrial institutions worthy of mention in the State. The principal items of trade are cotton, wheat and juvari. The value of export amounted to Rs. 1,22,926/- as against Rs. 2,06,838/- in the previous year. The import amounted to Rs. 3,68,915/- as against Rs. 2,31,953/- in the preceding year.

Factory.

77. There is no factory of any sort in the State. The State maintains its own workshop for its own use, and it turns out very good articles of furniture, carriages &c.

Ginning Factory

78. There is only one ginning factory at Vala which belonged to Mr. Dinshah Bamanji of Bhavnagar but it is now sold to a cotton merchant of Viramgam in January 1919.

Public Works.

79. Appendix XIX deals with details of expenditure incurred on Public Works during the Samvat year 1974. No original work was undertaken during the year. The principal items were district road repairs, special repairs to grass shed and ordinary annual repairs to other State buildings. The total cost on public works amounted to Rs, 7402-5-7 including the cost of Public Works Establishment &c.

Post Office.

80. There is a combined Post and Telegraph Office at Vala. In villages, school masters perform the postal work.

Mint.

81. There is no mint in the State.

Agricultural Stock.

82. Appendix XX gives details of the agricultural stock. It shows a slight decrease which was due to mortality among the cattle owing to small pox.

Excise.

83. The total revenue in excise was Rs. 696/- as against Rs. 707/- in the previous year. The sale of liquor and opium is very limited here. The use of ganja is nominal and toddy is not produced here at all. (Appendix XXI).

CHAPTER V.

REVENUE and FINANCE.

84. The gross income of Samvat year 1974 (15-11-17 to 3-11-18) was Rs. 2,89,375-4-9 including the income of the six villages under British Jurisdiction, viz. Rs. 12,307-14-8. There was an opening balance of Rs. 20,061-6-9; thus making a grand total of Rs. 3,09,436-11-6. The expenditure was Rs. 2,62,568-2-0 including Rs. 20,000-paid towards Government loan instalment for the year under report plus Rs. 10,000 being the balance of arrear of last year's instalment of the famine year 1916 thus making a total of Rs. 30,000. There remained a closing balance of Rs. 46,868-9-6 on the last day ef Samvat 1974.

Liabilities.

85. The total liability of the Vala State on 31st March 1919 is as under :—

		Rs.
(a)	Balance of Government loan debt on account of famine and marriages incurred in Samvat 1968 A. D. 1912. ...	1,04,020—7-0
(b)	Famine Loan debt incurred in St. 1972 A. D. 1916...	61857—0-0
(c)	Amount of interest for the year 1918-19 on Government Loan of St. 1968 A. D, 1912 about ... (account not received from the Accountant-General).	4,160-12-0
(d)	Amount of interest for the year 1917-18 on famine loan of St. 1972 A. D. 1916. ...	4731-15-0

(e)	Do. for the year 1918-19 of famine loan of 1916 about. (account not received from the Accountant-General)	2,792-14-0
	Total of Government loan debt	1,77,563—0-0
[f]	Other sorts of private debt	2,94,014—7-0
	Grand Total	4,71,577—7-0

86. The Darbar is out since 16th November 1914 and the administration of the State is conducted by his Kamdar Ruttonji Pestonji Green a retired Deputy Assistant Political Agent. Since January 1917 a fresh agreement was made with the Agency by the Darbar agreeing that the administration of his State be conducted as is done by his Kamdar, which was accepted. During the administration of the State by the Kamdar Rs. 2,34,507/-have been paid towards debt in 5 years from 1914 to 1918 as follows :—

Towards Government Loan debt from 1914 to end of 1918.	1,11,183-
Arrears of servants' wages, jivai allowances, workmen's wages and bills required immediate payment ...	97,628/-
[These payments were made in 1914 and 1915.]	
Towards private debt. ...	25,696.
	2,34,507.

The average payment comes to Rs. 46,900 -per annum although the year 1916 was a famine year and 1917 was a bad year. If there were no other debts such as paid in 1914 and 1915 on account of arrears of salary and other bills, the Government Loan debt of about Rs. 1,78,235- incurred in 1912 during the famine plus interest would have been paid in two years viz, in 1914 and 1915. The successive bad seasons greatly interfered with the payment of debt. Still Government Loan instalments fixed by Colonel Berthon are paid without default. In 1916 owing to famine the loan instalment was not paid in that year but double the amount was paid in the next year, so no instalment remained in arrears.

CHAPTER VI.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Hospital.

87. There is only one hospital in this State called the "Kirg Edward VII Memorial Hospital at Vala. Mr. Darabshah Dinshah Mistri L. M. & S. was Medical Officer in charge upto the 10th November 1918 when he had to proceed on long leave owing to a severe attack of influenza. He suffered from pneumonia and hæmorrhage from the lungs and had a very narrow escape. Dr. Mistri was very hardworking, conscientious and popular officer. Though he himself was suffering he was assisting by giving prescriptions to those who went to his house and did excellent service during the prevalence of influenza and also of plague and in the work of inoculation. His absence was greatly felt. Influenza broke out very violently. Almost all officers, karkuns, &c., suffered more or less, but happily the rate of mortality was less considering the illness from which most part of the population had suffered. The cultivating class suffered the most and that was the reason why cultivation of wheat was not in time and less area was sown. The total mortality from influenza was 615. The benefit of the hospital is freely enjoyed by the population as well as by persons of surrounding villages. The medical relief is given gratis at the expense of the State. The hospital building contains accommodation for 4 beds for males and 1 for female.

Patients treated.

88. The number of patients treated during the year under report was 6894 as against 7485 in the previous year. There were 12 indoor patients during the year.

Expenditure.

89. The total expenditure of the Medical Department in Samvat year 1974 was Rs. 3514-8-3 as against Rs. 3500-14-11 in the preceding year.

Vaccination.

90. The Vaccination Department is supervised and controlled by the Agency Surgeon, Kathiawar. The State has to pay its quota towards the expenses of vaccinators &c. The total number of children vaccinated was 474 of which 244 were boys and 230 girls as against a total of 567 in the previous year. There were 6 cases of re-vaccination.

Births.

91. There were 359 births as against 389 in the previous year, the ratio being 27·59 per 1000 of population

92. The number of deaths registered was 834 as against 679 in the previous year, the ratio per 1000 of population being 64·09 as against 52·18 in the previous year. The increase in the mortality was greatly due to the prevalence of influenza for about 3 months.

Deaths.

CHAPTER VII

EDUCATION

93. There are in all 8 schools in the State:—

Schools.

1	Middle School teaching upto St. IV.
6	Primary boys' schools.
1	Girls' school
8	

All the above schools are under the direct control and supervision of the Agency Educational Officer, Kathiawar.

94. During the year under report, the number of pupils was 451 as against 444 in the previous year. The average attendance was 343 as against 290 in the past year.

Number of pupils.

95. The total expenditure of all the schools during the Samvat year 1974 was Rs. 4400-3-10 as against Rs. 4033-6-3 in the previous year. Appendix XXV.

Expenditure.

CHAPTER VIII

MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing Press. 96. There is no printing press in the State.

97. There is a free library maintained by the State, which is supplied with 2 daily English, 2 daily Vernacular and 3 weekly Vernacular and one biweekly newspapers also illustrated weekly.

Library.

Fire appliances. 98. There is a fire engine with hoses.

99. Owing to the unprecedentedly high prices of food stuffs, the scale of scarcity allowance referred to in para 90 of the last year's report was revised from 1st October 1918 as follows: one rupee to all servants drawing pay upto Rs. 15 ; Rs. 2 from Rs. 16 to 30 ; Rs. 3 from 31 to 45 ; and Rs. 4 from Rs. 46 to 60. This increase has given general satisfaction.

Scarcity Allowance.

Conclusion.

100. Owing to the prevalence of plague, most of the State servants had become weak. This was followed by influenza when almost all suffered. Some suffered very seriously but happily there were a few fatal cases. Those who recovered were very weak for several weeks. All sorts of facility were given to them. Leave concessions were given to those to whom privilege leave was not due. Almost all offices suffered from shortness of karkuns. Among the officials the heads of the departments suffered the most. The Medical Officer, the Sar Nyayadhish, Revenue Officers and the Nyayadhish suffered severe illness. After their recovery they went on leave. The only officer escaped the scourge was the Kamdar who had a greater burden of work during the absence of the officers of several Departments and also of Hazur office clerks. Single handed with a few karkuns the work was done. The Hazur office establishment did its duty cheerfully and without grumble though they had to do hardwork. They were leaving office late and also doing work during holidays and thus the office work was not allowed to be accumulated.

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Kamdar, Vala State.

APPENDIX I.

Names of High Officials in the Vala State and Residency officials showing changes in the personnel during the year 1918-19.

Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
		From	To	
1	2	3	4	5
Ruttonji Pestonji Green Retired Deputy Assistant Political Agent Born 29-4-1856. Aged 62	Kamdar	1-4-18	31-3-19	

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APPENDIX II.

List of Laws in force in the Vala State, during the year 1918–19.

No.	Description.	Whether adapted from British Indian Acts.	Introduced during the year under report	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5
				No special laws of the State, but the spirit of the British Laws is adopted.

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APPENDIX III.

Statement showing the strength, cost and other particulars of the Military Force in the Vala State for the year 1918-19.

Arms of service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at the end of the current year.						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force, including followers	Remarks
	At the end of last year.	Recruited this year	Casualties			At the end of the current year.	Number of Regiments, Battalions or Batteries	Number of guns	Number of men					
			Died	Invalided	Discharged, deserted, &c.				European Commissioned officers	Native Commissioned officers	Non-Commissioned officers	Fighting men		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cavalry														
Sappers														
Artillery														
Infantry	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Nil	....	....	....	....	....	
Imperial Service Troops														
Total...														

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APPENDIX IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline and education of the Police Force in the Vala State for the year 1918-19.

No.	Description of Police	Number	Pay of Grade	Total cost	Punishments.			Rewards.		Education.		Remarks.
					Dismissed.	Fined, degraded, or suspended departmentally.	Punished judicially.	By promotion	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number under instruction.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Jamadar	1	18	18	...	...	...	..	...	1	...	
2	Havaldar	1	16	16	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	
3	Full Naik	2	12	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
4	1st class Lance Naik	1	11	11	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	
5	2nd class Lance Naik	3	10	30	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	
6	Bugler	1	9	9	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	
7	First class Constables	3	9	27	...	...	...	3	...	2	...	
8	Second class ,,	11	8	88	...	...	...	11	...	2	...	
9	Third class ,,	8	7	56	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	
10	Fourth class ,,	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
11	Fifth class ,,	....	...	...	...	...	..	.	..	...	...	
	Total...	31		279	...	1	...	20	...	10	...	

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APPENDIX V.

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Vala State during the year 1918-19.

Name of State.	Number of offences		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial.		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions [columns 4 and 5].		Percentage of convictions of accused sent for trial.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Vala	108	110	101	*98	101	*98	45	34	55	63	44·55	34·69	44·55	34·69	* Including one of the past year who was awaiting trial, also one accused died before trial.

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APPENDIX VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and the amount of recoveries in the Vala State during the year 1918-19.

Name of State.	Amount stolen.		Amount recovered.		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Vala	Rs. 832-0-2	Rs. 2059-8-10	Rs. 160-8-5	Rs. 804-5-4	19·29	39·05	

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APPENDIX VII

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of and cases awaiting trial in the Vala State during the year 1918-19.

No.	Description of offences.	Number of offences.			No. of cases disposed of during the past year.	No. of cases disposed of during the present year.	No. of persons apprehended.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons sentenced.							No. of persons acquitted or discharged.	No. of persons confined being insane.	No. of persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.										Remarks.
		Balance from past year.	Committed during the present year	Total.					Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.		Fine only.	Whipping	Total.				Under 1 month.	From 1 to 2 months	,, 2 to 3 months.	,, 3 to 6 months.	,, 6 to 12 months.	,, 1 to 2 years.	,, 2 to 3 years.	,, 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.	Transportation.	Capital punishment.	Awaiting trial.	
									Simple	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.																		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
1	Forgery	...	...	...	64	65	§98	34	...	9	2	8	15	...	34	63	...	1	8	3	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	§ Including one of the last year who was awaiting trial
2	Theft	...	14	14																										
3	Enticing a married woman	...	2	2																										
4	Marrying again during the life time of husband	...	...	...																										
5	Simple hurt	...	16	16																										
6	House breaking	...	6	6																										
7	Attempt to commit suicide	...	1	1																										
8	Adultery	...	1	1																										
9	Rape	...	...	...																										
10	Possessing false weight	...	...	...																										
11	Crimes against coinage rules	...	...	...																										
12	Miscellaneous	1	62	63																										
13	Grievous hurt	...	8	8																										
	Total...	1	110	111	64	65	98	34	...	9	2	8	15	...	34	63	...	1	8	3	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX VIII.

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by the various Courts in the Vala State during the year 1918–19

Number.	Name of Court	Number of offences reported during the year.		Number of persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of.						Remarks.
					Brought to trial in 1918–19					*Total*								
		Past year.	Present year	Remaining at the end of last year.	Arrested by Police.	Upon warrant	On summons.	Voluntarily.	Arrested in the presence of the Magistrate	Past year.	Present year.	Discharged without trial.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Persons remaining at the end of the year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1	Sar Nyayadhish court	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
2	Nyayadhish court	64	110	1	58	3	23	...	13	62	98	15	48	34	...	1	...	
3	Third class Migistrate court	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total...	108	110	1	58	3	23	...	13	101	98	15	48	34	...	1	...	

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APPENDIX IX.

Statement showing the result of appeals against the decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Vala State during the year 1918-19.

Name of State	Tribunals.	Number of Applications	Number of persons and cases																Remarks.
			Applications rejected.		Sentences						Proceedings quashed.		Referred		Further inquiry &c. ordered		Pending		
					Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.										
			Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Vala	Sar Nyayadhish court	1	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	One criminal revision application was filed and disposed of by the Hazur Court
	Hazur court	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total...	1	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	

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APPENDIX X.

Civil work-Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Courts of the Vala State during the year 1918-19.

Number.	Tribunals.	Opening balance.		Filed during the year, received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance.		Suits filed during the present year.									Suits disposed of during the present year.						Remarks.
		Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	Value.	Suits re-landed property	Suits for money transactions.	Suits for other rights.	Number of suits under Rs. 100.	Number of suits above Rs 100 and under Rs. 500.	Number of suits above Rs. 500 and under Rs. 1000.	Number of suits above Rs. 1,000 and under Rs. 5,000.	Number of suits above Rs. 5,000.	Ex-parte,	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of	Value Rs.	Average duration.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	Sar Nyayadhish court	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
2	Nyayadhish court	1	5	50	48	51	53	46	49	5	4	2716-0-2	...	42	6	41	7	...	...	...	8	30	1	10	3756-0-2	M. D. 3-5	
	Total...	1	5	50	48	51	53	46	49	5	4	2716-0-2	...	42	6	41	7	...	...	...	8	30	1	10	3756-0-2		

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APPENDIX XI.

Civil work–Results of applications for execution of decrees in the Vala State for the year 1918–19.

No.	Tribunal.	Opening Balance		Value of opening balance for the present year.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of			Closing balance			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of 1918–19.			Remarks
		Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Value for the present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for the present year	Past year.	Present year.	Value for the present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Value for the present year	Within 6 months.	Within 12 months.	Above 12 months	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				Rs.			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.				
1	Sar Nyayadhish Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
2	Nyayadhish Court	173	105	23,315	203	119	18,993	376	224	42,308	271	221	41,610	105	3	698	2	...	1	
	Total...	173	105	23,315	203	119	18,993	376	224	42,308	271	221	41,610	105	3	698	2	...	1	

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APPENDIX XII.

Civil work–Number and results of appeals in Civil suits in the Vala State during the year 1918–19.

Tribunal.	Opening balance.		Filed during tne year		Total.		Disposed of during		Closing balance.		Value of appeals. filed during Rs.	Rs.	How disposed of: Decisions confirmed		Decisions reversed		Decisions amended		Cases remanded for trial		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of.		Average duration.		Remarks
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
																							M. D.	M. D.	
Sar Nyayadhish Court	1	2	3	1	4	3	2	3	2	...	4177-13-0	458-8-0	1	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	13-26	7-13	Three revision applications were filed in the Hazur Court during the year & all were disposed of
Hazur Court	...	2	4	4	4	6	2	5	2	1	1575-0-0	798-8-0	1	1	...	...	...	3	1	1	...	...	5-7	9-10	
Total...	1	4	7	5	8	9	4	8	4	1	5752-13-0	1257-0-0	2	3	...	...	1	4	1	1	...	...			

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Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Vala State during the year 1918-19.

Stations.	No. of prisons.	Number of prisoners.				Daily average.		Number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners for the year St. 1974 i. e. 15-11-17 to 3-11-18	Average period of accused under trial.	Remarks showing mortality among convicts in Jail.
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Vala	1	4	19	18	23	2·63	4·6	1	× Rs. 515-12-0 Cost of a criminal lunatic " 177- 9-0 in Rajkot Jail 693- 5-0	Days 1-4	No death occured during the year. × Cost of guards not included

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Statement showing the details of Registration of Documents in the Vala State during the year 1918—19.

Name ofate. registering the the Stoffice of	Documents presented for Registration.		Nature of documents presented.										Documents Registered		Value of Documents Registered.		Documents of which Registry has been refused.		Documents remaining unregistered, pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages		Sale deeds		Wills.		Money bonds.		Miscellaneous.										
	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year,	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
															Rs.	Rs.					
Vala	25	34	14	17	7	14	...	3	...	...	4	...	23	29	7013-8-0	29524-0 0	1	1	1	+5	+ Including one of the past year

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the receipts and expenditure on account of Registration in the Vala State during the year 1918—19.

Description.	Past year.							Present year.							Remarks.
	Number of deeds.	Value of property.			Fees realized.			Number of deeds.	Value of property.			Fees realized.			
		Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.		Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	
Mortgage with possession	13	4982	8	0	32	12	0	13	6363	0	0	32	8	0	
Simple mortgage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Sale	7	1532	...	...	113	4	...	13	23161	0	0	418	3	0	
Unfructuary mortgage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Money bonds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Wills	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	7	8	0	
Miscellaneous	3	499	...	...	7	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total...	23	7013	8	0	153	8	0	29	29524	0	0	458	3	0	
Expenditure...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	23	7013	8	0	153	8	0	29	29524	0	0	458	3	...	

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APPENDIX XVI.

Statement showing Receipts and Expenditure of the Municipalities in the Vala State during the year Samvat 1974 corresponding to 15-11-17 to 3-11-18.

Name.	Opening Balance on 1st day of St. 1974 Kartak.	Receipts during the year.		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on last day of St. 1974 Asho 30th	Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
Vala	...	4453-0-5	4892-4-6	4892-4-6	5850-1[illegible]-4	6437-1-3	Nil	The deficit is paid up by the State.

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APPENDIX XVII.

Statement of Rainfall in the Vala State, during the year 1918–19.

State.	April 1918		May 1918		June 1918		July 1918		August 1918		September 1918		October 1918		November 1918		December 1918		January 1919		February 1919		March 1919		Total.		Total of past year.		Average of past 5 years.		Remarks.
	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	
Vala	...	...	1	85	...	88	2	74	1	..	1	28	...	...	...	.	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	75	44	64	22	46	

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APPENDIX XVIII.

Statement as to the prices of staple food grains in the Vala State, for the year 1918-19.

No.	Articles.	During March past year 1918 per rupee			During March present year 1919 per rupee			Remarks.
1	2	3			4			5
		Bengali			Bengali			
		M.	S.	T.	M.	S.	T.	
1	Wheat	0	9	10	0	4	35	
2	Bajri	0	9	24	0	3	25	
3	Juvar	0	14	14	0	4	30	
4	Gram	0	9	11	0	5	5	

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APPENDIX XIX.

Statement showing Expenditure on Public Works, in the Vala State, during the year 1918-19.

No.	Description of works.	State Funds.			Local Funds.			Total.	Remarks
		Original.	Repairs.	Total	Original.	Repairs.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Rs.	Rs.					
1	District Roads repairs		1123- 9- 2	1123- 9- 2					
2	Repairs to Buildings								
	(a) Repairs to Uttaras at Songadh & Rajkot		158-13- 0	158-13- 0					
	(b) Do. to Police and Sowars' Lines		154- 4-11	154- 4-11					
	(c) Do. Uttaras in villages		175- 2- 8	175- 2- 8					
	(d) Do to Travellers' Bungalow		131- 4- 5	131- 4- 5					
	(e) Do. to School Buildings		50-10- 0	50-10- 0					
	(f) Special repairs to Grass shed		473- 1- 5	473- 1- 5					
	(g) Repairs to Darbari Buildings		1064- 7- 2	1064- 7- 2					
3	Repairs to cattle pounds in the villages		61-13- 2	61-13- 2					
4	Do. to wells and tanks in the villages		114- 4- 2	114- 4- 2					
5	Water Works expenses		850- 2- 2	850- 2- 2					
6	P. W. Establishment including T. A.		2869- 5- 4	2869- 5- 4					
7	Do. Dead stock		175- 8- 0	175- 8- 0					
	Total...			7402- 5- 7					

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APPENDIX XX.

Statement showing agricultural stock in the Vala State during the year 1918-19.

District.	Year.	Horses and Cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts,		Remarks.
		Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes.		Horses.	Mares.	Colts and Fillies.	Asses.	Sheep and goats.	with 2 bullocks.	with 4 bullocks.	Riding.	Load carrying	
				Male.	Female.										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Vala	1918—19	2930	1858	713	1394	34	106	35	135	5606	1235	274	22	528	

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APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the Excise shops and Excise revenue in the Vala State, during the year Samvat 1974 corresponding to 15-11-17 to 3-11-18.

Name of State.	Country Spirit.		Opium.		Ganja.		Toddy.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops	Revenue	Number of shops	Revenue.	Number of shops	Revenue.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Vala	3	Rs. 131	6	Rs. 540	1	Rs. 25	...	Rs. ...	10	Rs. 696	Two opium shops were opened one at Piparia and the other at Vavdi as a temporary measure during the current year for the convenience of girasias who had to come to Vala for the purchase of opium. The former village is 6 and the latter 4 miles from Vala.

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Statement showing the receipts and charges of the Vala State for the

No. of Heads.	Receipts. Name of Heads.	Actuals of 1974 Rs.	A.	P.	
	OPENING BALANCE.				
	Cash in Vala Treasury 14377— 7—9				
	In the Bank of Bombay Rajkot Branch 2683—15—0				
	Invested in War Bond 3000— 0—0				
	20,061— 6—9				20,061—6—9
I	Land Revenue	1,72,807	5	9	
II	Taxes	7121	4	9	
III	Sayer	15,095	1	0	
IV	Law and Justice	3483	7	1	
V	Education Varad from Bhayats	519	9	10	
VI	Interest (Cash receipt)	852	13	11	
VII	Miscellaneous including produce of Ogha Chhut Paties	13,423	9	4	
VIII	Difference in the prices of grain, grass &c.	1443	1	8	
IX	Recovery of advances and outstanding dues, including P. W. Stores, materials	7996	1	8	
X	Refund	22	9	5	
	Total for villages under Agency jurisdiction	2,22,765	0	5	2,22,765— 0—5
	Total for Zilla Villages	12,307	14	8	12,307—14—8
XI	Adjustments:—				
	[a] Outstanding dues of the year	6946	1	10	
	[b] Interest [paper entry]	47,123	11	7	
	[c] Recovery of advances	232	8	3	
		54,302	5	8	54,302—5—8
	Grand Total...				3,09,436—11—6

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Samvat year 1974 corresponding to 15—11—17 to 3—11—18.

No. of Heads.	Expenditure. Name of Heads.	Actuals of 1974 Rs.	A.	P.	
I	General Administration, Revenue, Law and justice including travelling allowances, contingences, grain compensation &c. &c.	22,148	6	0	
II	Jail charges	693	5	0	
III	Police charges	12,588	5	6	
IV	Political charges	13,214	1	6	
V	Bardashi expenses	2205	13	0	
VI	Education expenses	4400	3	10	
VII	Agriculture	8638	9	2	
VIII	P. W. D. expenses including Workshop and Water works	7402	5	7	
IX	Darbar charges including Stables	60,325	15	9	
X	Pensions and Dharmada	3078	0	0	
XI	Municipal expenses	6437	1	3	
XII	Medical charges	3514	8	3	
XIII	Revenue Survey	915	13	6	
XIV	Miscellaneous including Ogha Chhut expenses	7892	7	0	
XV	Furniture for Travellers' Bungalow	35	0	9	
XVI	Remissions and Refunds of fees, fines &c.	86	8	6	
XVII	Loan Advances to Girasias &c. and other advances	72,56	14	0	
		1,60,833	6	7	1,60,833—6—7
XVIII	Payment of Government Loan Instalments	30,000	0	0	30,000—0—0
	Total for Villages under Agency Jurisdiction	1,90,833	6	7	1,90,833—6—7
XIX	Total for Zilla Villages	17,432	5	9	17,432—5—9
	Adjustments as shown under the head XI on the receipt side	54 302	5	8	54,302—5—8
	Closing balance				2,62,568—2—0
	Cash in treasury 40,849—1—10 In the Bank of Bombay 3019—7— 8 Rajkot Branch Invested in War Bond 3000—0— 0	46,868	9	6	46.868—9—6
	46.868—9— 6	3,09,436	11	6	3.09,436-11—6

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The total liability of the State on 31st March 1919 is as under:—

		Rs.
[a]	Balance of Government Loan debt on account of famine and marriages incurred in St. 1968 A. D. 1912.	1,04,020—7—0
[b]	Famine loan debt incurred in St. 1972 A. D. 1916	31,857—0—0
[c]	Amount of interest for the year 1918—19 on Government loan of St. 1968 A. D. 1912 about. [account not received from the Accountant-General]	4,160-12—0
[d]	Amount of interest for the year 1917—18 on famine loan of St. 1972 A. D. 1916.	4,731-15—0
[e]	Do. for the year 1918-19 of Do. about [account not received from the Accountant-General].	2792-14—0
	Total of Government Loan debt.	1,77,563—0—0
[f]	Other sort of private debts.	2,94 014—7—0
	Grand Total...	4,71,577—7—0

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APPENDIX XXIII.

Statement of Medical Relief afforded in the Vala State, during the year 1918–19.

No.	Dispensary.	Number of patients treated.		Results of in-door patients.				Expenditure in St. 1974 i. e. from 15-11-17 to 3-11-18	Daily average.	Remarks.
		Out-door.	In-door.	Discharged.	Absented	Died.	Remaining under treatment			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Vala	6894	12	7	5	...	...	Rs. 3514-8-3	61	

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APPENDIX XXIV.

Statement showing Vital Statistics of the Vala State, for the year 1918-19.

Name of State.	Population.	Births.		Increase.	Decrease	Deaths.		Increase	Decrease	Ratio per 1,000 of population.				Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year			Past year.	Present year			Births.		Deaths.		
										Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Vala	13011	389	359	...	30	679	834	155	...	29·89	27·59	52·18	64·09	

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APPENDIX XXV.

Statement showing particulars as to the schools maintained by the Vala State for the year 1918-19.

Number of Schools.		Description of Schools.	Number of pupils on roll on 31st March.		Daily average attendance.		Expenditure in St. 1974 (15-11-17 to 3-11-18)			Remarks
Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Past year	Present year	High School	Secondary	Primary	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	1	Middle School	49	51	37·7	45·2		Rs. 1050-15-1		
6	6	Primary Boys' Schools	316	333	203·2	243·7			2747-6-1	
1	1	Do. Girls' School	79	67	50·3	54·9			601-14-8	
							Total Rs.	4400—	3—10	

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Political Relation Form I.

No.	Name of State.	In subsidiary alliance or Feudatory.	Tribute in men or money		Estimated population	Number of Schools	Number of persons being taught	Number of persons Vaccinated	Gross revenue Samvat 1974 (15-11-17 to 3-11-18)	Expenditure Samvat 1974 (15-11-17 to 3-11-18)	Military force	Principal articles of production, manufacture, and mines	Remarks
			Amount	Tribute Payable to									
1	Vala	Tributary	Rs. 6854—0—0 2348—0—0 4090—0—6	Gaekwar Peshkashi Junagadh Zortalbi Jama for Zilla Villages	13011	8	451	474	Rs. 2,22,765—0—0 For villages under Agency Jurisdiction ,, 12,308—0—0 ,, Zilla villages 2,35,073—0—0	Rs. 1,90,833—0—0 For villages under Agency Jurisdiction ,, 17,432—0—0 ,, Zilla villages 2,08,265—0—0	$ Mounted Police 20 Foot Police 50 § Guns (2 Serviceable (2 Unserviceable	Grain and cotton are the principal articles of production No manufacture nor mines	$ In mounted Police there are 7 vacancies. In foot police there are 19 vacancies § Really speaking one gun is serviceable for saluting purpose, the other one is a very small gun and is not used at all.

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Political Relation Form II.

No.	Name of individual State and family to which he belongs.	Residence.	Present position.	Caste, race and religion	Age	How and where educated	How employed	Has sanad authorizing adoption or not	Family follows primogeniture or not	Has male heir or not	Remarks (Birth Dates) Native era / Christian era
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Raol Shri Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji Gohil	Vala	Vala Thakor	Hindu Rajput	55	Rajkumar College Rajkot	Ruling chief	No	Yes	Yes	Asho Vad 11th St. 1919 30-10-1863
2	Gambhirsinhji Vakhatsinhji Gohil	,,	Heir apparent	,,	29	Harrow school England					Chaitra Vad 9/10th St.1945 24-4-1889
3	Mangalsinhji Vakhatsinhji Gohil	,,	Second son of the chief	,,	23	Wadhwan Girasia school					Ashad Sud 4/5th St. 1951 26-6-1895
4	Kanaksinhji Mangalsinhji Gohil	,,	1st son of K.S Mangalsinhji	,,	6						Maha Sud 10th St. 1969 16-2-1913
5	Jasavatsinhji Mangalsinhji Gohil	,,	2nd son of K. S. Mangalsinhji	,,	3						Chaitra Vad 10th St. 1971 9-4-1915
6	Ruttonji Pestonji Green Retired Deputy Assistant Political Agent	Surat (at present Vala)	Kamdar	Parsi	62	Matric from the Elphinstone High School, Bombay also Studied in the Graat Medical College Bombay					

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Administration Report

OF THE

VALA STATE

for the year 1919-20.

CHAPTER I.

GENERAL and POLITICAL.

Statu situation.

1. Vala is a 3rd class State in the Gohilvad Prant, under the Kathiawar Political Agency, lying between 21°-51' and 22°-1' north latitude and 71°-50' and 72°-3' east lo ude. The area of the State is 190·3 sq. miles and is bounded on all s by the Bhavnagar State, Chamardi Thana limit and the villages under the Baroda State.

2. Vala-the ancient Valabhipur-is the capital of the State and is situated on the river Ghelo or Utavli. It is about 22 miles north-west of Bhavnagar, 16 miles north of Songad Civil Station, the head quarters of the Gohilvad Prant and 11 miles north-east of Dhola Junction Station on the Bhavnagar State Railway, which is the nearest Railway Station. There is a good metalled road with culverts all along except at one place near the village of Umrala in the Bhavnagar State limit about 5½ miles from Vala where the river Kalubhar passes. This is a very large river with a sandy bed. During the monsoon, when the river is in flood, it becomes impassable and the traffic is generally suspended till the flood subsides. If the Bhavnagar State Administration is pleased to take up the matter and construct a causeway, it will be a great blessing to the public in general and will relieve hardship to passengers and carts.

Villages.

3. The State consists of 40 villages. It also owns the revenue rights in 6 Talukdari villages under British jurisdiction under Gogo and Dhandhuka mahals, Ahmedabad Zilla.

Population.

4. The population of the State according to the census of 1911, is 13011 souls-6731 males and 6280 females. The population of Vala the capital, is 3989 souls-2021 males and 1968 females.

Country.

5. The physical aspect of the country is generally flat, the soil being partly black and partly alluvial.

Rivers.

6. The rivers which traverse the State, are Ghelo, Utavli, Keri and Kalubhar but there remains no water in any of them except in the monsoon.

Grass bids.

7. There are 6 grass bids :— 3 at Vala, 1 at Motidhorai, 1 at Totaniala and 1 at Chada.

Forests.

8. There is no forest in the State. There is, however, a large and good plantation of mango, gunda and jambu fruit trees in Kamlej, Undvi and other villages under British jurisdiction in Gogo mahal.

9. The expenditure on the above plantation during the Samvat year 1975 i. e. from 4—11—18 to 23—10—19 was Rs. 4980 as against Rs. 11562 in the previous year and the receipts amounted to Rs. 527 as against Rs. 4848 in the preceding year. The decrease in the receipts is due to the year Samvat 1975 being a famine year.

Revenue.

10. The gross revenue of the State excluding that of the six villages under the British jurisdiction, based on an average of past five years, is, Rs. 1,67,066; the period of past five years includes two famine years.

Harmony of religion

11. The population of the State consists chiefly of Hindus and a very few Mahomedans, but it is gratifying to note that there has never been a case of ill—feeling or disturbance between the two religionists during their respective holidays.

Railway

12. There is no railway in the State. The construction of a light railway or electric tramway between Dhola and Vala is a real necessity and it will be a boon to the public if the Bhavnagar State Administration will be pleased to extend a branch line to give facility to trade and passengers.

Sanitary condition.

13. Inspite of the failure of monsoon and the year being of scarcity, the sanitary condition of the people remained good throughout the year. There was no epidemic. The prevailing diseases were malaria fever, dysentary, eye and skin diseases. Small pox ravaged in almost all villages among cattle and there was mortality in some villages.

Water supply.

14. Generally there is scarcity of water for drinking purposes and the more so, owing to the failure of the monsoon.

Tribute.

15. The State annually pays Rs 13,292 as tribute to the British Government as under :-

Rs.	
6854	for Gaekwar Peshkashi,
2348	for Junagad Zortalbi, and
4090	Jamabandi on Zilla villages.
13,292.	

Political status.

16. Vala is a 3rd class State in the Gohilvad Prant under the Kathiawar Political Agency. Thakor Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji is a Gohil Rajput and enjoys the privilege of an official visit and return visit to and by His Excellency the Governor of Bombay.

Jurisdiction.

17. The State exercises jurisdictional powers of a 3rd class State, i. e. passes sentences upto 7 years' imprisonment of either description and fine upto Rs. 10000 in criminal matters and hears civil suits upto the value of Rs. 20000 in the forty villages under Agency jurisdiction. The civil and criminal jurisdiction in the six Talukdari villages rests with the Zilla courts, while the full revenue jurisdiction is being exercised by the State.

The Chief and his family

18. The present Thakor Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji Gohil has received his education in the eighties at the Rajkumar College, Rajkot. He has been away since November 16, 1914 and is living at Kamlej, a Talukdari village of Vala since June 1917. The administration of the State is thus conducted under an agreement with the Agency by Ruttonji Pestonji Green a retired Deputy Assistant Political Agent.

19. The Chief has two sons and a daughter. The latter has been married to His Highness Maharana the Raj Saheb of Wankaner some 15 years ago and she is the mother of the heir apparent of Wankaner. Of the two Kumars, K. S. Gambhirsinhji, the heir apparent, is 30 years of age. He has received his education at Harrow school in England. He has also undergone a course of instruction at Dehra Dun. He is blessed with a daughter born on 25th February 1919. The second son K. S. Mangalsinhji is 24 years old. He has completed his course at the Talukdari Girasia School at Wadhwan, but unfortunately failed to pass the School Final Examination twice and left the school. He had a mind to join the Cadet Corps at Dehra Dun, but that institution was closed owing to the War. He has two sons K. S. Kanaksinhji and Jasvatsinhji; the former being 7 and the latter nearly 5 years old. K. S. Kanaksinhji has begun to take primary vernacular education.

Progeny,

20. A detailed history of the State is given in the previous Administration Reports and it is needless to repeat it here.

History of the State.

21. W. C. Tudor-Owen, Esq, I. C. S. Political Agent paid a flying visit on 4th June 1919. Major R. C. Burke, I. A. Political Agent, Gohilvad Prant, encamped at Vala on 16th February 1920 and left for Lathi on 20th idem.

Visit of the political Agent.

22. The boundary pillars on the Monpur Saness boundary have not yet been erected by the Baroda State. It is presumed that State intends to appeal again but much time is lost.

Alienation & boundary dispute.

23. The relation with the Bhayats continued to be satisfactory throughout the year. There was no dispute and no complaint from the bhayats though they were troublesome during the famine. A Rathli-bhayat's widow, whose obstinate and defiant attitude alluded to in para 24 of the last year's report, at last showed her willingness to act according to orders passed under the Managed Estates Rules, the surplus ornaments were handed over by her for safe custody and her arrears of jiwai was paid.

Relation with the bhayats.

24. In the Rajprakarni Court, there were 34 suits in arrears of the last year. No new suit was filed during the year. Of these 34, one was disposed of during the year leaving a balance of 33 at the end of the year. The number mostly comprises suits under the Encumbered Estates

Rules. As the post of Bhayati Officer is vacant for the last five months and also owing to famine the cases remained pending.

25. As the Samvat year 1974 was a famine year in Zilla villages owing to excessive rainfall, after an inquiry by the Revenue Assistant and the Kamdar, the State ordered to recover vighoti at 6 annas in the rupee and remitted 10 annas as requested by the cultivators. Orders were passed to that effect. In July 1919, it was found on the complaints of the cultivators that Hiralal Valabhai Patel, the favourite of the Chief of Vala somehow or other recovered 12 annas in the rupee instead of 6 annas and the Vahiwatdar credited 6 annas in the State account books and in the Vahivat books. The Vahivatdar, Mukhis and the favourite all combined together and have exacted double the amount and it is said that Hiralal has kept the amount and that the vighoti amounts were paid in his house. As the offence occured in Zilla limits, the cultivators in four cases had lodged complaints in the Mahalkari's court on 4-9-19. Also there is a complaint of a theft of cactus hedge taken away by Hiralal. Hiralal made a revision application to the District Magistrate, Ahmedabad, for the transfer of cases from the Mahalkari's court. The cultivators engaged a Barrister to argue their side of the case. The District Magistrate ordered the cases to be tried by the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dhandhuka and Gogho, who is Talukdari Settlement Officer and under whose jurisdiction the Zilla villages are situated. The cultivators made a revision application to the High Court, Bombay, against the order of the District Magistrate, but the High Court upheld the order of the District Magistrate. The complaints were lodged on 5th September but the cases commenced before the Sub Divisional Magistrate on 16th March. Thus more than six months have passed away. The cases have commenced and will take time. The Kamdar was cited as a witness by the prosecution and gave his deposition on 27th March 1920. The prosecution side of the cases is not over yet.

CHAPTER II.

ADMINISTRATION OF LAND.

Revenue Year.

26. The revenue year of the State is the Hindu Kartaki year which begins with Kartak Sud 1st & ends with Devali (i. e. from 4-11-18 to 23-10-19). The land produce, therefore, which this report deals with, is for the Samvat year 1975 and the revenue and expenditure are also for that year.

Rainfall.

27. The rainfall during the Samvat year 1975 was only 7 inches and 75 cents, i. e. about 1/3 of the average annual quantity, as against 44 inches and 64 cents during the Samvat year 1974. The average of the past five years comes to 22 inches and 46 cents. The rainfall during the Samvat year 1975 was thus very scanty; and so the kharif crop suffered greatly and the rabi crop had the same fate for want of moisture.

Nature of land.

28. The country is flat. For physical characteristic, the lands of the State can be divided into two main divisions, viz, eastern and western. The eastern division consists of alluvial soil known as Bhal, where wheat is grown without irrigation. The western half is ordinarily black soil where irrigation is done by wells. In the former division sweet water is not available and so it is entirely dependent upon timely good fall of rain.

29. As for revenue and expenditure this report is for the Samvat year 1975 (4-11-18 to 23-10-19) but as for other matters, this report deals with the official year 1919-20.

Water Works at Vala.

30. The water works at Vala continued as usual to supply water to Darbargad, garden, for rearing trees round the town and watering roads. The big tank at Vala contained very little quantity of water owing to scanty rainfall.

Land Revenue.

31. The land revenue of the State excluding that of the Zilla villages, during the revenue year Samvat 1975 (4-11-18 to 23-10-19) was Rs. 49782 while that of the 6 Zilla villages was Rs. 7285 making a grand total of Rs. 57067.

FAMINE.

Produce,

32. As alluded to in para 27 above, the total rainfall during the Samvat year 1975 being only 7 inches and 75 cents, the result was famine. There was a failure of agtar or kharif crop of staple food viz, juvar and bajri. Cotton is the chief source of revenue of the State. In an ordinary year, the yield of cotton comes to nearly 25000 maunds. The quality of cotton is mathia which is well suited to the soil of this State; but there is less demand for this quality of cotton. The cultivators are averse to sow vagadia cotton which takes a long time and requires much moisture. The season of sowing mathia cotton is June upto middle of July. But there was no timely rainfall to carry out the sowing operation and so the yield was mere

nominal viz, 205 maunds i. e. equal to about 125 times less than the yield of an ordinary good year.

As to the winter crop, the State gets a good produce of unirrigated (chasia) wheat in Bhal villages; but owing to scanty rainfall and incidental insufficient moisture, the out-turn of this kind of wheat was about 1/3 of the usual ordinary quantity. As there was no water in the river, the sowing of irrigated wheat was not made in the fields on the banks of the river except where there were wells and sufficient water pools. Thus the revenue suffered very much and the year on the whole was 2½ anna year, and the State had to borrow Government Loan of Rs. 77784 for the Administration of the State, maintenance of Darbar family, advances of loans to bhayats, girasias and tacavi to cultivators etc., for their maintenance.

33. The effect of famine began to be felt in the beginning of the year as the preceding year was also a lean year. The pinch was increasing month by month during the hot weather from March to June and was greatly felt in June and July as the monsoon was late.

Relief measures.

34. A programme of relief works was ready and was prepared before hand. It contained, deepening and enlargement of tanks in the Bhal villages, building wells, repairs to roads, culverts, making earthen bunds and carrying of metal for road repairs. But no labourer came forward on famine wages. They all wanted light work and high wages. There was thus no necessity of opening relief works.

Charitable relief.

35. No necessity arose for starting regular charitable relief works but the State made special arrangements to give food to destitute and needy persons and weekly doles were given. Also clothes were supplied to those who were in need of them. The total cost of such gratuitous relief came to Rs. 1887. Some charitable persons had also distributed grain and clothes to the poor widows and others. In short, no one was seen emaciated or starved or had endured any hardship. The only class which did not feel the pinch was the labouring class and ubhadias who did not come on relief works such as deepening of tanks, road work etc., The clerical establishment suffered greatly owing to their limited and low salary. Traders were the profiteers.

Indirect relief.

36. Indirect relief was given under the heads maintenance, purchase of bullocks, supply of fodder, kosvarat, seeds, sinking and deepening of wells and clothes to needy

cultivators, girasias and bhayats by way of advances made to them from time to time. The expenditure on this account came to Rs. 33999 as detailed below :-

Rs.	
17875	Advances to cultivators including those of Zilla villages.
16124	Advances to girasias, bhayats etc,
33999	

37. As regards suspension and remission of revenue and other dues, where bhagbatai system obtains, orders were issued to take 1/5th share instead of ½ share from cultivators for crops produced by irrigation and where vighoti system is in vogue, 10 and 8 annas in the rupee were ordered to be recovered according to the circumstances of the cultivators. In the Kamlej Mahal villages, Izara was given for Rs. 3500 being half the amount of vighoti. The recovery of outstanding dues was totally suspended; also recovery of jama, sudhara varad etc., from certain bhayats was postponed. The execution of civil decrees against cultivators, bhayats and girasias was postponed and rate of impressed carts was raised. By the grant of all these reliefs, the agricultural condition of the State was well preserved.

Fodder.

38. Like the great famine of Samvat 1956, this year the greatest difficulty was for grass. The State had grass for its cattle and also had bought kurbi and batas from good cultivators who had surplus stock. The cultivators were encouraged and they were not backward in sowing chasatia, carrot, lucerne grass etc., Wheat grass (kuval) was available. Sugarcanes were used as fodder in large quantities in the beginning. Many cultivators had old stacks of kurbi in many villages and they proved very useful. The State, in the latter portion of the year, purchased 2 lacs pounds of grass from the Special Famine Officer and about a lac from Sanand at a high price for the State cattle and also supplied to those who wanted it. The Mahajans, also, raised subscriptions and fed cows. Also cactus was used for a very few days experimentally as fodder according to the kind instructions of W. C. Tudor-Owen, Esq. I. C. S. Political Agent, Gohilvad, Prant; and thus the cattle were saved. There are no cactus in the villages of this State except a very few villages. There was no unusual mortality among the cattle but some cattle were victims of small pox epidemic- a dire disease, which continued for some time in some villages.

Water supply.

39. There was no scarcity of drinking water, except in 5 or 6 Bhal villages where there are no wells but tanks which were dry owing to scanty rainfall and the people of those villages went to reside in the neighbouring villages.

Touring of Officers.

40. In order to remain in constant touch with the people, to study their condition, to know and satisfy their just requirements and to check whether gratuitous relief was properly and regularly given, the respective Vahivatdars of the Mahals, the Rajprakarni Officer, the Revenue Assistant and the Kamdar remained constantly touring in all the villages of this State. Also the Revenue Assistant and the Kamdar visited the Zilla villages and advanced tacavi to cultivators as recommended by the Talukdari Settlement Officer, Gujarat. Every facility was given and no one was seen emaciated or starved or had endured hardship. The mortality ratio was not high and the number of crime was not on the increase. There was no immigration or emigration. Thus the famine ended without any incident.

CHAPTER III.

PROTECTION.

Legislation.

41. The State has adapted the spirit of the British Civil and Criminal Laws in all the courts and in minor matters such as registration and the like, has framed its own rules.

Military.

42. There is no military force in the State.

Police.

43. The force consists of 20 mounted and 50 foot police, but at present, there are on the roll 13 mounted and 35 foot police which number suffices for our present requirement.

Working of the Police.

44. The total number of offences reported during the year was 85 as against 110 in the previous year and that of the accused arrested and sent for trial was 97 as against 98 in the past year. Out of 97 brought to trial, 60 were convicted and 37 were acquitted or discharged. The percentage of convictions was 61·85 as against 34·69 in the previous year (Appendix V.)

45. The approximate value of property alleged to have been stolen during the year amounted to Rs. 2071 as against Rs. 2059 during the previous year; while that of the property recovered was Rs. 919 as against Rs. 804 in the preceding year; thus giving a percentage of 44·37 as against 39·05 of the last year. The attention of the police is drawn that the percentage should be more for efficient working (Appendix VI.)

Stolen property.

46. Particulars of crimes committed, detected and punished are given in appendix VII. There was only one serious offence of rape during the year under report.

Crimes.

CIVIL JUSTICE.

47. There are three courts of civil justice in the State :—(1) Nyayadhish Court which takes congnizance of suits upto the value of Rs. 5000 (2) Sar Nyayadhish Court, which hears suits above Rs. 5000 upto Rs. 20000 ; besides being a court of appeal against the decisions passed by the Nyayadhish and (3) Hazur Court, which is the highest appellate court of the State, has no original work. Details of work done by each court during the year under report are given in appendices IX and XII.

48. In addition to the abovementioned courts, there is one more court called the Rajprakarni Court, presided over by the Sar Nyayadhish which hears and decides suits relating to bhayats, mulgirasias and the like. Appeals from the decisions lie to the Huzur Court.

49. The State has the power to hear suits up to the value of Rs. 20000 in civil matters, the same power as is being exercised by other 3rd class States in Kathiawar.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

50. There are three Courts of criminal justice in the State viz. (1) the First Class Magistrate's Court. (2) the Sessions Court and (3) the Hazur Court. The Sar Nyayadhish presides in the Sessions Court. The Hazur Court is the highest court of appeal and revision. It has no original work. Details of the work done by each court during the year are given in appendices VIII and IX.

51. The following powers are exercised by the Criminal Courts :—

The First Class Magistrate's Court :—It is called the Nyayadhish Court and exercises the powers of awarding sentence of imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years and fine not exceeding Rs. 1000; also exercises the following additional powers :—

(a) Whipping.
(b) To require security for good behaviour.
(c) To try summarily according to the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code.

The Sar Nyayadhish is the District Magistrate as also the Sessions Judge. This court has power to award sentence upto 7 years' imprisonment of either description and fine not exceeding Rs. 10000.

52. The State has powers to award sentence upto 7 years' imprisonment of either description and fine to the extent of Rs. 10000, as is exercised by other 3rd class States of Kathiawar.

53. Offences beyond the jurisdiction of this State and of murder and dacoity with murder are committed for trial to the Principal Court of Criminal Justice in Kathiawar.

54. To sum up. The Hazur Court is the highest and final court of appeal in civil and criminal matters. Appeals from the decisions of the Nyayadhish in civil suits are heard by the Sar Nyayadhish and second appeals from the Sar Nyayadhish's decisions are heard by the Hazur Court. Appeals from the decisions of the Sar Nyayadhish in original civil suits are also heard by the Hazur Court.

55. In criminal matters, the Sar Nyayadhish hears appeals from the decisions of the First Class Magistrate. Appeals in sessions cases decided by the Sar Nyayadhish are heard by the Hazur Court. Revision applications from the decisions in criminal cases lie to the Hazur Court.

56. Appendix VIII deals with the number and nature of offences reported to the criminal courts. These offences comprised 97 persons, of whom 60 were convicted and 37 acquitted as against 34 and 48 respectively during the previous year.

Criminal appeals.

57. Three criminal appeals were presented during the year, 1 to the Sar Nyayadhish Court and 2 to the Hazur Court all of which were disposed of (Appendix IX.)

Civil Suits.

58. 69 civil suits of an aggregate value of Rs. 10127 were filed during the year. There was a balance of 4 suits making a total of 73. of these 73,65 suits of the value of Rs. 7275 were disposed of during the year, while 8 remained undisposed of at the end of the year. (Appendix. X)

Execution of decrees

59. 205 applications for execution of decrees of the value of Rs. 42650 were on the file during the year of which 21 of the value of Rs. 1967 were disposed of leaving a balance of 184 at the end of the year. (Appendix XI) The reason of such a large number of applications remaining undisposed of, is, that the year Samvat 1975 being a famine year, execution of decrees against the cultivators, bhayats, mulgirasias and State servants drawing a salary of Rs. 20 or less was ordered to be postponed.

Civil appeals.

60. During the year under report, one appeal was filed in the court of the Sar Nyayadhish and there was a balance of 2 of the past year, making a total of 3. All the 3 were disposed of, in which the decision in one was confirmed, in one reversed and in one amended. In the Hazur court, 3 appeals were filed during the year and there was a balance of one of the previous year thus making a total of 4. All these appeals could not be disposed of during the year as dates were fixed for hearing during March 1920, but owing to a large number of marriages and sickness, the parties and their pleaders asked for postponements; also the Kamdar had to go to Gogo twice in that month to give evidence. Thus the appeals remained undisposed of. They will be heard now. (Appendix XII.)

Extradition.

61. There was no case of extradition during the year under report, but the particular case spoken of in para 65 of the last year's report for the disposal of which special joint tribunals were arranged, was taken up for hearing at Ratanpur under Baroda territory and was ultimately disposed of by razinamas by both parties.

Prisons.

62. There is only one prison in the State and that is at Vala. The guard duty at the prison is being performed by the regular police of the State. 17 prisoners were admitted during the year and adding 1 who remained at the end of the last year, the total came to 18. Of whom, 15 were released and 3 remained at the end of the year. The total cost excluding that of the police guard was Rs. 445 as against Rs. 516 in the previous year. (Appendix XIII).

Registration.

63. 30 documents of an aggregate value of Rs. 19844 were registered during the year as against 29 of the value of Rs. 29524 in the previous year. (Appendix XIV). The amount of fee realized was Rs. 256 as against Rs. 458 in the preceding year. (Appendix XV.)

64. The municipal affairs are being conducted by the State by maintaining a small establishment. The cleanliness of the town, lighting, watering and conservancy are the chief matters to be looked after. Municipal receipts amounted to Rs. 5523 and the expenditure was Rs. 5420 as against Rs. 4892 and Rs. 6437 respectively in the previous year. (Appendix XVI.)

Municipality.

CHAPTER IV.

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION.

65. As for the revenue matter, Samvat year 1975 was a 2½ anna year as stated in para 32 supra. The rainfall was very scanty and hence all crops suffered.

Weather & crops.

66. The following is a comparative statement showing the areas of different crops under cultivation during the present year as well as the past year :—

Serial No. number.	Crops.	Areas under cultivation in acres St. 1975	Areas under cultivation in acres St. 1976
1	Cotton	15443	6480
2	Juwar	16320	21635
3	Wheat	753	8769
4	Bajri	983	2968
5	Til	5	3484
6	Gram	0	346
7	Miscellaneous	137	727
8	Sugarcane	140	32
	Total...	33,781	44,441

Samvat 1975 was a famine year and so the cultivators were afforded every sort of facility in sowing during the monsoon.

67. The out-turn of the Samvat year 1975 was only 2½ annas in the rupee as alluded to above. Cotton crop suffered greatly owing to late rain and unseasonable subsequent rainfall.

Out-turn.

68. Throughout the year, the wages of labour ranged between 6 and 8 annas per diem according to efficiency but labour was very scarce. In the latter part of the year, many labourers shifted to places in Gujarat where cotton crop was abundant and where they got double the above rate for picking up cotton pods as well in splitting cotton pods.

Wages.

69. The prices of staple food grains remained high throughout the year.

Staple food.

70. There is no forest in the State, but there are fruit trees such as mango, jambu and gunda in the Zilla villages.

Forest.

71. Great care is being taken of the road side trees which are chiefly nim trees and they are reared at some cost. They are watered from the garden well where an oil engine and pump work.

Trees.

72. There are no local industrial institutions worthy of mention in the State. The principal items of trade are cotton, wheat and juwari. The value of export amounted to Rs. 74622 as against Rs. 122926 in the previous year. The import amounted to Rs. 484650 as against Rs. 368915 in the preceding year. The decrease in export and increase in import is attributed to the year being a famine year.

Trade & Manufacture.

73. There is no factory of any sort in the State. The State maintained its own Work Shop for its own use and it turns out very good articles of furniture, carriages &c.

Factory.

74. There is only one ginning factory at Vala belonging to a cotton merchant of Viramgam. The factory remained closed this year also owing to failure of the cotton crop.

Ginning Factory.

75. Appendix XIX deals with details of expenditure incurred on public works during the Samvat year 1975. No original work was undertaken during the year. The principal items were district road repairs, annual repairs to State buildings,

Public works.

cattle pounds, wells etc. The total cost on public works amounted to Rs. 7946 including the cost of public works establishment &c.

Post Office.

76. There is a combined Post and Telegraph Office at Vala. In villages, school masters perform the postal work.

Mint.

77. There is no mint in the State.

Agricultural stock

78. Appendix XX gives details of the agricultural stock. The marked decrease in the number of bullocks and cows is attributed to the prevalence of small pox among cattle in several villages.

Excise

79. The total revenue in excise was Rs. 681 as against Rs. 696 in the previous year. The sale of liquor and opium is very limited here. The use of ganja is nominal and toddy is not produced here at all. (Appendix XXI).

CHAPTER V.

REVENUE AND FINANCE.

80. The gross income of Samvat year 1975 (4-11-18 to 23-10-19) was Rs. 1,33,414 including the income of the six villages under British jurisdiction viz. Rs. 7989. There was an opening balance of Rs. 46868; thus making a total of Rs. 1,80,282. Adding to it Rs. 77,784 the amount of Government loan borrowed upto the end of October 1919 owing to famine, the grand total came to Rs. 2,58,066. The expenditure was Rs. 2,55,842; thus leaving a closing balance of Rs. 2,224 on the last day of Samvat 1975. It may be remarked that the expenditure included the following extraordinary items owing to famine :—

Rs.	
17,875	Advances to cultivators including those of Zilla villages.
16,124	Loan to girasias, bhayats etc.,
1,887	Expenses on gratuitous relief.
10,447	Purchase of grass.
46,333	

Government loan instalment of Rs. 20,000 could not be paid in Samvat 1975 owing to famine, but has since been paid on 2nd March 1920.

Liabilities.

81. The total liability of the Vala State on 31st March 1920 is as under. :-

		Rs.
(a)	Balance of Government loan debt on account of famine and marriages incurred in St. 1968 A. D. 1912.	88·183
(b)	Famine loan debt incurred in St. 1972 A. D. 1916.	61,857
(c)	Amount of interest for the year 1919-20 on Government loan of St. 1968 A. D. 1912 about (Account not received from the Accountant General)	4,160
(d)	Amount of interest for the year 1918-19 on Government loan of St. 1972 A. D. 1916.	3,935
(e)	Amount of interest for the year 1919-20. on do. do. (Account not received from the Accountant General.)	2,793
(f)	Amount of Government loan borrowed in St. 1975 A. D. 1919 including Rs. 14430 received in November 1919 i. e. in the beginning of St. 1976.	92,214
	Total of Government loan debt.	2,53,142.
(g)	Other sorts of private debt.	2,94,014,
	Grand Total	5,47,156

82. The Darbar is out since 16th November 1914 and the Administration of the State is conducted in his name by his Kamdar Ruttonji Pestonji Green a retired Deputy Assistant Political Agent. Since January 1917, a fresh agreement was made with the Agency by the Darbar agreeing that the administration of the State be conducted as is done by the Kamdar which was accepted. Since December 1919, the Political Agent Gohilvad Prant, has ordered to submit the budget of the State for that Officer's sanction and the spirit of the Managed Estates Rules should be followed. Since then these instructions are followed. During the administration of the State by the Kamdar Rs. 2,54,457 have been paid towards debt in 6 years from March 1914 to 31st March 1920 as follows :—

Towards Government loan debt from 4th March 1914 to 31st March 1920.	1,31,083
Arrears of servants' wages, jiwai allowances, workmen's wages and bills required immediate payment.	97,678

(These payments were made in 1914 and 1915 in two years.)

Towards private debt. 25,696

2,54,457

The average payment in 6 years amounts to Rs. 42,400 per annum also the years 1916 was a famine year and 1917 a bad year and 1919 a famine year. Thus within six years there were three bad seasons during which loans for two famine years were to be borrowed to tide over famine. If there were no other debts such as paid in 1914 and 1915 on account of arrears of servants' salary and other bills which were paid after obtaining sanction of the Political Agent amounting to Rs. 97678, the Government loan debt of Rs. 1,78,235 incurred by the Darbar in 1912 for famine and for his two sons' marriages plus interest would have been paid in two years viz. in 1914 and 1915. The successive bad seasons from Samvat 1972 greatly interfered with the payment of debt. Still Government loan instalments fixed by Colonel Berthon are paid without default. In 1916 owing to famine, the loan instalment was not paid in that year but double the amount was paid in the next year. Also the loan instalment owing to famine of 1919 was not paid in that year was paid on 2nd March 1920. Thus no instalment remained in arrears upto 31st March 1920 i. e. during the six years administration of the Kamdar. From the above figures it will appear that the Kamdar has made every effort to pay more in good years, but nature was against the State.

CHAPTER VI.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Hospital.

83. There is only one Hospital in this State called the "King Edward VII Memorial Hospital" at Vala. As alluded to in last year's report (para 87) Mr. Dorabshah Dinshah Mistri L. M. & S. who had proceeded on long leave owing to a very severe attack of influenza, pneumonia and hœmorrhage from the lungs did not sufficiently recover to join his post, resigned after a meritorious and faithful service of about 10 years. Mr. Prabhudas Motichand Champaneri L. M. & S. was appointed acting Chief Medical Officer during the leave of the substantive incumbent from 22-4-19 and was confirmed afterwards. The benefit of the hospital is freely enjoyed by the population as well as by persons ot surrounding villages. The medical

relief is given gratis at the expense of the State. The hospital building contains accommodation for 4 beds for males and 1 for female. The hospital was visited by Major R. C. Burke Political Agent, Gohilvad Prant during that Officer's halt at Vala in February last.

Patients treated.

84. The number of patients treated during the year under report was 7617 as against 6894 in the previous year. There were 6 indoor patients during the year.

Expenditure.

85. The total expenditure of the Medical Department in Samvat year 1975 was Rs. 3893 as againt Rs. 3514 in the preceding year.

Vaccination.

86. The Vaccination Department is supervised and controlled by the Agency Surgeon, Kathiawar. The State has to pay its quota towards the expenses of Vaccinators etc., The total number of children vaccinated was 467 of which 230 were boys and 237 were girls against a total of 474 in the previous year. There was only one case of re-vaccination.

Births.

87. There were 283 births as against 359 in the previous year; the ratio being 21·75 per 1000 of population.

Deaths.

88. The number of deaths registered was 303 as against 834 in the previous year, the ratio per 1000 of population being 23·28 as against 64·09 in the previous year.

CHAPTER VII.

EDUCATION.

Schools.

89. There are in all 8 schools in the State :—

1 Middle school teaching upto St. IV,
6 Primary boys' schools.
1 Girls' school.

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All the above schools are under the direct control and supervision of the Agency Educational Officer, Kathiawar.

Number of pupils.

90. During the year under report, the number of pupils was 526 as against 451 in the previous year. The average attendance was 378 as against 343 in the past year.

Expenditure.

91. The total expenditure of all the schools during the Samvat year 1975 was Rs, 4415 as against Rs. 4400 in the previous year (Appendix XXV).

CHAPTER VIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing Press. 92. There is no printing press in the State.

Library. 93. There is a free library maintained by the State, which is supplied with 2 daily English, 2 daily vernacular and 3 weekly vernacular and 1 biweekly newspapers; also Illustrated weekly edition of the Times of India.

Fire appliances. 94. There is a fire engine with hoses.

95. The scarcity allowance at the rate mentioned in para 99 of the last year's report, was continued to be paid to the State servants throughout the year.

96. Owing to the famine year, there was a great stress of work. No additional establishment was employed. The present staff, though among them there were vacancies, did the work. The greatest burden fell on the Hazur Office establishments who did their onerous duty willingly and cheerfully. They were coming to office early and leaving it late in the evening and on holidays they were working so as to avoid arrears and there was much urgent work requiring attention in famine time. The Shirastedar had the hardest work and at the same time he had to prepare for his examination. There is no Treasury Officer or Audit Officer and the Kamdar with his Office establishment has to attend to those duties with the aid of the Shirastedar. The salary of the members of the establishment is very low in comparison to the Managed Estates. Owing to famine, the respective Vahivatdars, the Revenue Assistant and the Rajprakani Officer constantly moved in their respective districts and the Kamdar moved in the whole State and lately the Kamdar visited villages in February 1920 so as to see the pastar condition of Crops and to be acquainted with the condition of the villages.

VALA,
23rd April 1920.

RUTTONJI PESTONJI GREEN,
Kamdar, Vala State.

APPENDIX I.

Names of High Officials in the Vala State showing changes in personnel during the year 1919–20.

No.	Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
			From.	To.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Ruttonji Pestonji Green Retired Deputy Assistant Political Agent Born 29-4-1856. Aged 63.	Kamdar.	1-4-19	31-3-20	

Vala
12th April 1920.

RUTTONJI PESTONJI GREEN,
Kamdar, Vala State.

APPENDIX II.

List of Laws in force in the Vala State during the year 1919-20.

No.	Description.	Whether adapted from British Indian Acts.	Introduced during the year under report.	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
				No special laws of the State, but the spirit of the British Laws is adopted.

Vala.
12th April 1920.

RUTTONJI PESTONJI GREEN,
Kamdar, Vala State.

APPENDIX III.

Statement showing the strength, cost and other particulars of the Military Force in the Vala State for the year 1919–20.

Arms of service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at the end of the current year.						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force, including followers	Remarks.
	At the end of last year.	Recruited this year	Casualties			At the end of the current year.	Number of Regiments, Battalions or Batteries	Number of guns	Number of men					
			Died	Invalided	Discharged, deserted, &c.				European Commissioned officers	Native Commissioned officers	Non-Commissioned officers.	Fighting men		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cavalry.														
Sappers.														
Artillery								Nil.						
Infantry														
Imperial Service Troops														
Total...														

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APPENDIX IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, discipline, and education of the Police force in the Vala State for the year 1919-20.

No.	Description of Police	Number	Pay of Grade	Total cost [monthly]	Punishments.			Rewards.		Education.		Remarks.
					Dismissed.	Fined. degraded, or suspended departmentally.	Punished judicially.	By promotion	By money.	Number able to read and write.	Number under instruction	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Jamdar	1	20	20	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	
2	Havaldar	1	18	18	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	
3	do	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
4	Full Naik.	2	13	26	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	
5	Lance Naik	4	11	44	...	...	...	4	...	1	...	
6	Bugler	1	10	10	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	
7	First class Constable	3	10	30	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	
8	Second class ,,	10	9	90	...	...	...	10	...	5	...	
9	Third class ,,	13	8	104	...	...	...	13	...	6	...	
10	Fourth class ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
11	Fifth class ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total...	35		342	...	...	...	35	...	19		

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APPENDIX V.

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Vala State, during the year 1919-20.

Number.	State.	Number of offences		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial.		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns 5 and 6).		Percentage convicted of accused sent for trial.		Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	Vala.	110	85	98	97	98	97	34	60	63	37	34·69	61·85	34·69	61·85	

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APPENDIX VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and the amount of recoveries in the Vala State, during the year 1919-20.

Name of State.	Amount stolen.		Amount recovered.		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen.		Remarks.
	Past year	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Vala.	Rs. 2059	Rs. 2071	Rs. 804	Rs. 919	39·05	44.37	

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APPENDIX VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of and cases awaiting trial in the Vala State, during the year 1919-20.

Description of offences.	Number of offences.			No. of cases disposed of during the past year.	No. of cases disposed of during the present year.	No. of persons apprehended.	No. of persons convicted.	Number of persons sentenced.							No. of persons acquitted or discharged.	No. of persons confined being insane.	No. of persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.										Remarks.
								Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.																		
	Balance from last year.	Committed during the present year	Total.					Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous	Fine only.	Whipping.	Total.				Under 1 month.	From 1 to 2 months	„ 2 to 3 months.	„ 3 to 6 months.	„ 6 to 12 months.	„ 1 to 2 years.	„ 2 to 3 years.	„ 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.	Transportation.	Capital punishment	Awaiting trial.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Forgery.	...	...	...																										
Theft.	...	16	16																										
Enticing a married woman	...	..	...																										
Marrying again during the life time of husband	...	...	...																										
Simple hurt	...	10	10																										
House breaking	...	1	1																										
Attempt to commit suicide	...	1	1																										
Adultery.	...	...	...	65	58	97	60	5	1	1	17	36	..	60	37	...	...	19	2	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	..	...	...	
Rape	...	1	1																										
Possessing false weight.	...	...	...																										
Crimes against coinage rules	...	...	...																										
Miscellaneous.	...	56	56																										
Total...	...	85	85	65	58	97	60	5	1	1	17	36	...	60	37	...	...	19	2	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	..	...	...	

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APPENDIX VIII

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by the various Courts in the Vala State, during the year 1919-20.

Number.	Name of Courts of the State.	Number of offences reported during the year.		Number of persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of.					Persons remaining at the end of the year.	No. of criminal cases remaining for trial at the end of the year.	Remarks.
				Remaining at the end of last year.	*Brought to trial in 1919-20*					*Total.*		Discharged without trial.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred.			
		Past year.	Present year.		Arrested by Police.	Upon warrant	On summons.	Voluntarily.	Arrested in the presence of the Magistrate.	Past year.	Present year.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	Sar Nyayadhish Court.	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	..	
2	Nyayadhish court	110	84	...	59	4	25	...	8	98	96	...	37	59	..	...	...	...	
	Total..	110	85	...	60	4	25	...	8	98	97	...	37	60	...	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX IX.

Statement showing the results of appeals against the decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Vala State, during the year 1919-20.

Name of State.	Tribunals.	Number of Applications.	*Number of persons and cases.*																Remarks.
			Applications rejected.		*Sentences.* Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.		Proceedings quashed.		Referred.		Further enquiry &c. ordered		Pending		
			Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Vala.	Sar Nyayadhish court.	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Hazur court	2	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total...	3	...	...	1	1	2	2	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX X.

Statement showing the Civil work—Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the Courts of Vala State, during the year 1919-20.

Number.	Tribunals.	Opening balance		Filed during the year. Received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance		Suits filed during the present year.									Suits disposed of during the present year.						Remarks.
		Past year	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Value.	Suits re-landed property.	Suits for money transactions.	Suits for other rights.	Number of suits under Rs. 100.	Number of suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500	Number of suits above Rs 500 and under Rs. 1000	Number of suits above Rs 1,000 and under Rs. 5,000	Number of suits above Rs. 5,000	Ex-parte.	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of	Value.	Average duration.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
												Rs.													Rs.		
1	Sar. Nyayadhish court.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	M. D.	
2	Nyayadhish court.	5	4	48	69	53	73	49	65	4	8	10127	...	67	2	48	15	1	3	...	8	32	4	21	7275	2-20	
	Total...	5	4	48	69	53	73	49	65	4	8	10127	...	67	2	48	15	1	3	...	8	32	4	21	7275		

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APPENDIX XI.

Statement showing the Civil work-Result of applications for execution of decrees filed in the Courts of Vala State, during the year 1919-20.

No.	Tribunals.	Opening balance of applications.		Value of opening balance for present year.	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of			Closing balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of 1919-20.			Remarks.
		Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year	Value	Past year	Present year.	Value.	Past year.	Present year.	Value.	Past year.	Present year.	Value.	Within 6 months.	Within 12 months.	Above 1 year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				Rs.			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.				
1	Sar Nyayadhish Court.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
2	Nyayadhish Court.	105	3	698	119	202	41952	224	205	42,650	221	21	1967	3	184	40683	179	5	...	
	Total...	105	3	698	119	202	41,952	224	205	42,650	221	21	1967	3	184	40,683	179	5	...	

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APPENDIX XII.

Statement showing the Civil work—Number and results of appeals in Civil suits in the Vala State, during the year 1919-20.

Tribunals.	Opening balance		Filed during the year		Total.		Disposed of during the year		Closing balance.		Value of appeals filed during the year		How disposed of										Average duration.		Remarks.
													Decisions confirmed		Decisions reversed		Decisions amended		Cases remanded for retrial		Cases compromised and otherwise disposed of				
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
																							M. D.	M. D.	
Sar Nyayadhish Court.	2	...	1	3	3	3	3	3	...	...	458	200	2	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	7-13	2-13	=Dates were fixed for the hearing of appeals in March 1920, but owing to a large number of marriages & sickness, the parties & their pleaders asked for postponements. Also the Kamdar had to go to Gogho twice in that month to give evidence. Thus the appeals remained undisposed of. They will be heard now.
Hazur Court.	2	1	4	3	6	4	5	..	1	= 4	7?9	4144	1	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	9-10		
Total...	4	1	5	6	9	7	8	3	1	4	1257	4344	3	1	...	1	4	1	1	...	...	...			

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APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jails and Lock-ups in the Vala State, during the year 1919-20.

Station.	No. of Prisons	Number of prisoners.				Daily Average.		Number of Prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners. for Samvat 1975 i. e. from 4-11-18 to 23-10-19	Average period of accused under trial	Remarks showing mortality among convicts in Jail.
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
									Rs.	Days.	
Vala.	1	1	17	23	18	4·6	1·8	3	× 445	1·02	No death occurred during the year, × Cost of guards not included.

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APPENDIX XIV.

Statement showing the details of registration of documents in the Vala State during the year 1919-20.

Name of State	Documents presented for registration.		Nature of documents presented										Documents registered		Value of Documeuts registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused		Documents remaining unregistered pending inquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds.		Wills.		Money bonds.		Miscellaneous										
	Past year.	Present year	Past year	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
															Rs.	Rs.					
Vala.	34	32	17	22	14	7	3	2	...	...	...	1	29	30	29,524	19,844	1	4	5	3	

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the receipts and expenditure on account of Registration in Vala State, during the year 1919-20.

Description,	Past year.			Present year.			Remarks.
	Number of deeds.	Value of Property Rs.	Fees realized Rs.	Number of deeds.	Value of Property Rs.	Fees realized Rs.	
Mortgage with possession	13	6363	33	20	16973	52	
Simple mortgage	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Sale	13	23161	418	7	2871	197	
Unfructuary mortgage	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Money Bonds	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Wills	3	...	7	2	...	5	
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	1	...	2	
Total.....	29	29524	458	30	19844	256	
Expenditure	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total.....	29	29524	458	30	19844	256	

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APPENDIX XVI.

Statement showing Receipts and Expenditure of the Municipality in the Vala State, during the year Samvat 1975 corresponding to 4-11-18 to 23-10-19.

Name.	Opening Balance on 1st day of St. 1975 Kartak.	Receipts during the year.		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on last day of St. 1975 Aso 30th	Remarks.
		Past year	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Vala.	...	4892	5523	5523	6437	5420	103	

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APPENDIX XVII.

Statement showing the Rainfall in the Vala State, during the year 1919–20.

State.	April 1919		May 1919		June 1919		July 1919		August 1919		September 1919		October 1919		November 1919		December 1919		January 1920		February 1920		March 1920		Total.		Total of past year.		Average of past 5 years.		Remarks.
	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents,	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	
Vala.	0	0	0	30	1	5	5	23	5	61	2	14	0	60	1	93	0	0	1	0	0	8	0	0	17	94	7	75	22	46	

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APPENDIX XVIII.

Statement as to prices of staple food-grains in the Vala State, during the year 1919-20.

No.	Articles.	During March (past year) Bengali			During March (present year.) Bengali			Remarks.
1	2	3			4			5
		M.	S.	T.	M.	S.	T.	
1	Wheat	...	4	35	...	6	20	
2	Bajri	...	3	25	...	7	...	
3	Juwar	...	4	30	...	10	...	
4	Gram	...	5	5	...	6	20	

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APPENDIX XIX.

Statement showing expenditure on Public Works, carried out in the Vala State, during the year Samvat 1975 i. e. 4-11-18 to 23-10-19.

No.	Description	State Funds.			Local Funds.			Total.	Remarks.
		Original	Repairs.	Total	Original.	Repairs.	Total		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	District Road repairs.		702	702					
2	Repairs to Buildings								
	[a] Repairs to utaras at Songad, Shihor & Rajkot.		75	75					
	[b] Repairs to police and Sowars' lines & out posts.		131	131					
	[c] Repairs to utaras in villages		48	48					
	[d] Repairs to Travellers' Bungalow & Dharmashala.		228	228					
	[e] Repairs to School buildings in Vala.		140	140					
	[f] Repairs to Hospital in Vala		50	50					
	[g] Repairs to all Darbari Buildings.		1855	1855					
3	Repairs to cattle pounds in the villages		11	11					
4	Repairs to wells, tanks and river bunds in the villages.		142	142					
5	Special repairs to water trough at Vala		605	605					
6	Water Works expenses.		594	594					
7	P. W. Establishment including T. A. and Dead stock.		3365	3365					
	Total...		7946	7946					

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APPENDIX XX.

Statement showing Agricultural Stock in the Vala State during the year 1919-20.

Name of State.	Year.	Horses and Cattle.									Ploughs.		Carts.		Remarks.
		Bullocks.	Cows.	Buffaloes.		Horses.	Mares.	Colts and fillies	Asses.	Sheep and goats	with 2 bullocks	with 4 bullocks	Riding	Load carrying	
				Males.	Females.										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Vala	1919-20	2768	1473	811	1621	41	102	26	152	5916	1270	194	24	586	

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APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the excise shops and excise revenue in the Vala State, during the year Samvat 1975 i. e. from 4-11-18 to 23-10-19

Name of State.	Country Spirit.		Opium.		Ganja.		Toddy.		Total.		Remarks.
	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.	
Vala	3	131	3	525	1	25	...	...	7	681	

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Statement showing the receipts and charges of the Vala State for the

No. of Heads	Receipts. Name of Heads.	Actuals of St. 1975 Rs.	Rs.
	OPENING BALANCE. Rs.		
	Cash in Vala Treasury. 40849		
	In the Bank of Bombay, Rajkot Branch. 3019		
	Invested in War Bond. 3000		
	46,868		46,868
I	Land Revenue.	49,782	
II	Taxes.	5422	
III	Sayer.	12.753	
IV	Law and Justice.	2837	
V	Education Varad from Bhayats.	518	
VI	Interest (cash receipt).	223	
VII	Miscellaneous including produce of Ogha Chhut Villages.	9553	
VIII	Difference in the prices of grain, grass &c.	3199	
IX	Recovery of advances and outstanding dues, including P. W. Stores materials.	3572	
X	Refund.	998	
	Total for villages under Agency.	88,857	88,857
	jurisdiction Total for Zillah Villages.	7989	7989
XI	Adjustments:—		
	(a) Outstanding dues of the year.	5756	
	(b) Interest (paper entry).	25,280	
	(c) Recovery of advances.	5532	
		36,568	36,568
	Government Loan in 1919 for famine.	77,784	77,784
	Grand Total...		2,58,066

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Samvat year 1975 corresponding to 4-11-18 to 23-10-19

No. of Heads	Expenditure. Name of Heads.	Actuals of St. 1975	
		Rs.	
I	General Administration, Revenue, Law and Justice including travelling allowances, contingences, grain compensation &c	24,570	
II	Jail charges.	445	
III	Police charges.	13,701	
IV	Political charges.	9710	
V	Bardashi expenses.	1699	
VI	Education expenses.	4411	
VII	Agriculture.	4875	
VIII	P. W. D. expenses including Workshop and Water works.	7946	
IX	Darbar charges including Stables.	68,957	
X	Pension and Dharmada.	4068	
XI	Municipal expenses.	5420	
XII	Medical charges.	3893	
XIII	Revenue Survey.	866	
XIV	Miscellaneous including Ogha Chhut. expenses	7896	
XV	Travellers' Bungalow.	64	
XVI	Remissions and Refunds of fees, fines &c.	114	
XVII	Loan Advances to Girasias and other advances.	33008	
XVIII	Purchase of grass.	10,447	
XIX	Gratuitous relief.	1887	
	Total for villages under Agency Jurisdiction.	203897	2,03,897
	Total for Zillah Villages.	15,377	15,377
XX	Adjustments as shown under the head XI on the receipt side.	36,568	36,568
	Closing balance		2,55,842
	Cash in Vala Treasury. 11		
	In the Bank of Bombay. Rajkot Branch. 2213	2224	2224
	2224		
	Grand Total	2,58,066	2,58,066

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The total liability of the State, on 31st March 1920, is as under:—

		Rs.
(a)	Balance of Government loan debt on account of famine and marriages incurred in St. 1968 A. D. 1912.	88,183
(b)	Famine loan debt incurred in St. 1972 A. D. 1916	61,857
(c)	Amount of interest for the year 1919—20 on Government loan of St. 1968 A. D. 1912 about. (Account not received from the Accountant General.)	4160
(d)	Amount of interest for the year 1918-19 on Government loan of St. 1972 A. D. 1916.	3935
(e)	Amount of interest for the year 1919-20 on Do. Do. about. (Account not received from the Accountant General.)	2793
(f)	Amount of Government loan borrowed in St. 1975 A. D. 1919 including Rs. 14,430 received in November 1919 i. e. in the beginning of St 1976.	92,214
	Total of Government loan debt.	2,53,142
(g)	Other sorts of private debt.	2,94,014
	Grand Total...	5,47,156

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APPENDIX XXIII.

Statement of Medical relief afforded in the Vala State, during the year 1919-20.

No.	Dispensary.	Number of patients treated.		Results of in-door patients.				Expenditure for St. year 1975 i. e. from 4-11-18 to 23-10-19	Daily average.	Remarks.
		Out-door.	In-door.	Discharged	Absented	Died.	Remaining under treatment			
								Rs.		
1	Vala	7617	6	6	...	...	...	3893	61	

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APPENDIX XXIV.

Statement showing vital statistics of the Vala State for the year 1919-20.

Name.	Population.	Births.		Increase	Decrease	Deaths.		Increase	Decrease	Ratio per 1,000 of population.				Remarks.
										Births.		Deaths		
		Past year.	Present year			Past year.	Present year			Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Vala	13011	359	283	...	76	834	303	...	531	27·59	21·75	64·09	23·28	

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APPENDIX XXV.

Particulars as to the schools maintained by the Vala State during the year 1919-20.

Number of Schools.		Description of Schools.	Number of pupils on roll on 31st March.		Daily average attendance.		Expenditure, in St. 1975 i. e. from 4-11-19 to 23-10-19			Total.	Remarks.
Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	High School.	Secondary.	Primary.		
								Rs.	Rs.		
1	1	Middle School	51	63	45·2	52·2		884			
6	6	Primary Boys' Schools	333	371	243·7	265·25			2945		
1	1	Do. Girls' School	67	92	54·9	61·21			586		
							Total Rs.	4	415		

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Political Relations Form I.

No.	Name of State.	In subsidiary alliance or Feudatory.	Tribute in men or money.		Estimated population.	Number of Schools	Number of persons being taught.	Number of persons Vaccinated.	Gross revenue St. 1975 (4-11-18 to 23-10-19).	Expenditure St. 1975 (4-11-18 to 23-10-19	Military force.	Principal articles of production manufacture, and mines.	Remarks.
			Amount.	Tribute payable to									
1	Vala.	Tributary.	Rs. 6854 2348 4090	Gaekwar Peshkashi. Junagadh Zortalbi. Jama for Zilla villages.	13011	8	526	467	*Rs. 1,66,641 for villages under Agency Jurisdiction. " 7,989 " Zilla villages. 1,74,630	Rs. 2,03897 For villages under Agency Jurisdiction. " 15377 " Zilla villages. 2,19,274	¶ Mounted Police 20 Foot Police 50 †† Guns { 2 Serviceable. 2 Unserviceable.	Grain and cotton are the principal articles of production. No manufacture nor mines.	¶ In mounted Police there are 7 vacancies In foot police there are 15 vacancies. ‡ Really speaking one gun is serviceable for saluting purpose, the other one is a very small gun and is not used at all. * Includes Govt. loan of Rs. 77784.
		Total	13292										

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Political Relation Form II.

No	Name of individual State and family to which he belongs.	Residence.	Present position	Caste race or religion	Age	How and where educated	How employed	Has Sanad authorizing adoption or not.	Family follows Primogeniture or not.	Has male heir or not.	Remarks (Birth dates) Native era / Christian era
1	Raol Shri Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji Gohil.	Vala	ValaThakor	Hindu Rajput.	56	Rajkumar College Rajkot.	Ruling Chief.	No.	Yes.	Yes.	Asho Vad 4th St. 1919. / 30-10-1863
2	Gambhirsinhji Vakhatsinhji Gohil.	„	Heir apparent.	„	30	Harrow School England.					Chaitra Vad 9/10. St. 1945 / 24-4-1889
3	Mangalsinhji Vakhatsinhji. Gohil.	„	Second son of the Chief.	„	24	Wadhwan Girassia School.					Ashad Sud 4/5th St. 1951. / 26-6-1895
4	Kanaksinhji Mangalsinhji Gohil.	„	1st son of K. S. Mangalsinhji.	„	7						Maha Sud 10th St. 1969 / 16-2-1913
5	Jasvatsinhji Mangalsinhji Gohil.	„	2nd son of K. S. Mangalsinhji	„	4						Chaitra Vad 10th St. 1971 / 9-4-1915
6	Ruttonji Pestonji Green Retired Deputy Assistant Political Agent.	Surat at present Vala	Kamdar	Parsi.	63	Matric from the Elphinstone High School Bombay: also studied in the Grant Medical College Bombay					

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ADMINISTRATION REPORT

OF THE

VALA STATE

For the year 1920-21.

CHAPTER I.

GENERAL AND POLITICAL.

Status and situation.

1. Vala is a 3rd Class State in the Gohilwad Prant, under the Kathiawar Political Agency, lying between 21°-51' and 22°-1' north latitude and 71°-50' and 72°-3' east longitude. The area of the State is 190·3 sq. miles and is bounded on all sides by the Bhavnagar State, Chamardi Thana limit and the villages under the Baroda State.

2. Vala the capital town of the State is situated on the river Ghelo, and occupies the site of the famous historical Valbhipur Patan, about 22 miles north-west of Bhavnagar, 16 miles north of Songad Civil Station, the head quarters of the Gohilwad Prant and 11 miles north-east of Dhola Junction on the Bhavnagar State Railway which is the nearest Railway Station. There is a good metalled road with culverts all along except at one place near the village of Umrala in the Bhavnagar State limit about 5½ miles from Vala where the river Kalubhar passes. This is a very large river, with a sandy bed. During the monsoon when the river is in flood, it becomes impassable and the traffic is generally suspended till the flood subsides. If the Bhavnagar State Administration is pleased to take up the matter and construct a causeway, it will be a great blessing to the public in general and will relieve hardship to passengers and carts.

Villages.

3. The State consists of 40 villages. It also owns the revenue rights in 6 Talukdari Villages under British Jurisdiction under Gogo and Dhandhuka Mahals, Ahmedabad Zilla.

Population.

4. The population of the State according to the census of 1921, is 11386 souls—5816 males, and 5570 females. The population of Vala, the capital, is 3561 souls—1749 males and

1812 females. The decrease in the population is due to plague, and Influenza. during which epidemics, people left villages.

Country

5. The physical aspect of the country is generally flat the soil being partly black and partly alluvial.

Rivers.

6. The rivers which traverse the State, are Ghelo, Utavli, Keri and Kalubhar, but there remains no water in any of them except in the monsoon.

Grass-bids.

7. There are six grass bids:—3 at Vala, 1 at Motidharai 1 at Totaniala and 1 at Chada.

Forests.

8. There is no forest in the State. There is, however, a large and good plantation of Mango, Gunda and Jambu fruit trees in Kamlej, Undvi and other villages, under British Jurisdiction in Gogo Mahal.

9. The expenditure on the above plantation during the Samvat year 1976 i. e., from 24-10-19 to 10-11-20, was Rs 2164 as against Rs. 4980 in the previous year and the receipts amounted to Rs. 646 as against Rs. 527 in the preceding year. The general decrease since 2 or 3 years is due to the failure of Mango crop owing to bad weather.

Revenue.

10. The gross revenue of the State excluding that of the six villages under the British Jurisdiction, based on an average of past five years, is Rs. 1,62,183. The period includes two famine years.

Harmony of religion.

11. The population of the State consists of a greater portion of Hindus and only a few Mahomedans. It is, however, gratifying to note, that there has never been a single incident of ill-feeling or disturbance between the two religionists during their respective holidays.

Railway.

12. There is no Railway in the State. The construction of a light railway or electric tramway between Dhola and Vala is a real necessity and it will be a boon to the public if the Bhavnagar State Administration will be pleased to extend a branch line to give facility to trade and passengers.

Motor service.

13. In October 1920 the proprietor of the private motor service between Dhola and Umrala applied for permission to extend motor service upto Vala, which was granted. The

pattern of the Car is Ford and it can carry 16 passengers. At present the proprietor has been granted a special license, but when the Kathiawar Motor Rules are finally settled, their provisions will be strictly followed.

Sanitary condition

14. In spite of the failure of monsoon, and the year being of scarcity, the sanitary condition of the people remained good throughout the year. There was no epidemic. The prevailing diseases were malarial fever, dysentery, eye, & skin diseases and diseases of the respiratory and digestive systems.

Water supply.

15. Generally there is scarcity of water for drinking purposes, and the more so, during the year under report, owing to the absence of rainfall in August & September 1920.

Tribute.

16. The State annually pays Rs. 13,292 as tribute to the British Government as under :—

Rs.	
6854	For Gaekwar Peshkashi.
2348	For Junagad Zortalbi.
4090	for Jamabandi on Zilla villages.
13,292.	

Political Status.

17. Vala is a third Class State in the Gohilwad Prant under the Kathiawar Political Agency. Thakor Shri Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji is a Gohil Rajput and enjoys the privilege of an official visit and return visit to and by His Excellency the Governor of Bombay.

Jurisdiction.

18. The State exercises jurisdictional powers of a 3rd Class State, *i. e.* passes sentences upto 7 years' imprisonment of either description and fine upto Rs. 10,000/- in Criminal matters and hears Civil Suits up to the value of Rs. 20,000- in the forty villages under the Political Agency Jurisdiction. The Civil & Criminal Jurisdiction in the six Talukdari villages rests with the Zilla Courts, while the full revenue Jurisdiction is being exercised by the State.

The Chief and his Family.

19. The present Thakor Shri Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji Gohil, has received his education in the eighties at the Rajkumar College, Rajkot. He has been away since November, 16, 1914 and is living at Kamlej, a Talukdari Village of Vala since June 1917. The administration of the State is thus conducted under an agreement with the Agency by Mr. Ruttonji Pestonji Green, a retired Second Grade Deputy Political Agent.

Progeny.

20. The Chief has two sons and a daughter. The latter has been married to His Highness Sir Amarsinhji Bahadur K. C. I. E., Maharana Raj Saheb of Wankaner some 16 years ago and she is the mother of heir apparent of Wankaner. Of the two Kumars, K. S. Gambhirsinhji, the heir apparent, is 31 years of age. He has received his education at Harrow School in England. He has also undergone a course of instruction at DehraDun. He was 3rd Class Magistrate in Vala for about 2 years. He has two daughters, one 3 years and the other one year old. The 2nd son, K. S. Mangalsinhji is 25 years old. He has completed his course at the Talukdari Girasia School at Wadhwan, but unfortunately failed to pass the School Final Examination twice and left the School. He had a mind to join the Cadet Corps at DehraDun, but that institution was closed owing to the War. He attended the Hazur Office for some months to learn work. He has 2 sons K. S. Kanaksinhji and Jasvatsinhji ; the former being 8 and the latter 6 years old. Both the young Kumars have begun to take primary vernacular education at home.

History of the State

21. A detailed history of the State is given in the previous Administration Reports and it is needless to repeat it here.

Visit of the Political Agent.

22. Major H. M. Wightwick, I. A., Political Agent, Gohilwad Prant, encamped at Vala on 21st November 1920 and left for Palitana on the evening of 24th idem. During his stay that officer visited several places.

Alienation and Boundary Dispute.

23. The boundary pillars on the Monpur Saness boundary have not yet been erected by the Baroda State. It is presumed that the State intends to appeal again, but much time is lost.

Relation with the bhayats.

24. The relation with the bhayats continued to be satisfactory throughout the year.

25. In the Rajprakarni Court, there were 33 suits in arrears of the last year. No new suit was filed during the year. Of the 33, one was disposed of during the year, leaving a balance of 32 at the end of the year. The number mostly comprises suits under the Encumbered Estates Rules.

26. The three Criminal cases against Patel Hiralal Valabhai Kanani, the intimate friend of the Thakor Shri of Vala, were tried in the British Courts, and resulted in his acquittal.

The first case was of alleged excess recovery of the Revenue of Samvat 1974 A. D. 1918. of the Zilla Talukdari villages of Kamlej and Undvi.

The Thakore Shri resides in Kamlej since the last 4 years, where Hiralal also resides which village is the head quarter of the Mahal called Kamlej Mahal. He was charged under Sec 420 I. P. C. by the villagers.

The second case was of a theft of Cactus hedge of a cultivator valued at Rs. 8. under Sec. 379 I P. C.

The third case was of non payment of income tax on the profit he got in the Izara of the Mahal revenue for St. 1975, It was alleged that he kept the Izara under the cloak of his relative (or a benami transaction) and also that he received monthly large sums from the Thakor Shri in British District and made a false declaration in filling in the Income Tax Form. He was charged under Sec. 177 of the Indian Penal Code at the instance of the Mahalkari of Gogho. Complaints of the Cases Nos. 1&2 were lodged on 5th September 1919, before the Mahalkari of Gogha, a 2nd Class Magistrate. Application was made by Hiralal to the District Magistrate, Ahmedabad, for the transfer of the cases and that officer ordered the transfer to the court of the Sub Divisional Magistrate and Talukdari Settlement Officer, in December 1919. A revision application was made by the villagers to the High Court but the order of the District Magistrate was upheld in February 1920, and the trial of the first case commenced before H. F. B. Hartshorne Esq. I. C. S., at Gogha on 16th March 1920. The case was heard at great length and decision was delivered on 22nd July 1920. The cultivators produced conflicting oral evidence opposed to State Account Books and other documents. The Magistrate remarked in his decision that there were serious discrepancies and improbabilities in the oral evidence that was offered which made it impossible to convict the accused. The State record was held to be genuine. It appeared to the trying court that the most that could be said for the prosecution case would be that the prosecution have spoiled the case by adding several false details. But even in that case the accused would be entitled to have the benefit of the doubt, in view of the untrustworthy nature of much of the evidence against the accused, and also there were improbabilities in the prosecution story and these were the reasons for acquitting the accused under Sec. 258 Cr. P. C.

The second case of theft was found to be a false one by the Second Class Magistrate of Gogha and the complainant was fined Rs. 30 to pay compensation for bringing a false complaint. This case was decided on 5th March 1921, exactly after 18 months. Hiralal has applied to the 2nd Class Magistrate Gogha, for sanction to prosecute the complainant and ~~two~~ 3 witnesses for giving false evidence, 21st May 1921 was fixed for the hearing of the petition. The four persons applied for postponement and 7-6-21 was fixed.

In the third case of false declaration, the Mahalkari of Gogha had obtained sanction to prosecute the accused and the case was tried by the 1st Class Magistrate of Dhandhuka. In this case, the Mahalkari had made a mistake in obtaining the sanction and the accused was acquitted under sec. 245 Cr. P. C. in January 1921. Thus the three cases lingered for 18 months, and the cultivators have spent a large amount in prosecuting 3 cases.

27. On the demise of Bama Saheb Sunderba, mother of Thakor Shri Vakhatsinhji, inventory of that lady's property was made by a Punch in the presence of Thakor Shri, the heir apparent, Kamdar of the State, and the Bai's Kamdar Bhavan Bechar Pandya. Also Account Books that were found from the lady's rooms were counted and all were kept under lock and seal in her rooms. While connting the Account Books it was found by the Punch that the accounts for the last month and a half of Samvat year 1973 were not written up and the Account Books for the whole of Samvat year 1974 were blank. The lady died in the last month of Samvat year 1974. There were two Kamdars of the Bama Saheb. Both were called upon to submit accounts as the Bai had a village and some land in Vala granted to her in Jiwai, and that they were doing the vahivat. The ex-kamdars gave evasive answers in reply to this office notices. They received ill advice of some persons to oppose the State, that the State had no right to ask them. The nephew of the Chief, Gohil Pratapsinhji of Dared had employed Bhavan Bechar Pandya as his Kamdar, and he and Premchand Mulji Parekh both were living at Dared. Notices were sent through Gohil Pratapsinhji. He several times requested the State Kamdar to grant post-ponements and that they would submit accounts. Also both the Kamdars took refuge at Kamlej a Talukdari village of this State under British Jurisdiction, where the Thakor Saheb resides. Subsequently Bhavan Bechar selected to live in Umrala under Bhavnagar six miles from Vala; Premchand Mulji Parekh escaped to Bombay; thus both were away from the jurisdiction of this State. When both came to know that complaints against them were filed and a prima-facie case was prepared and submitted to the Political Agent, Gohilwad Prant, they opposed and presented representations to the Political Agent which were considered along with the case by the Political Agent. Before the case was held proved, Premchand Mulji Parekh returned from Bombay and unconditionally surrendered to the Court of the First Class Magistrate of Vala. The prima-facie case was proved and extradition of Bhavan Bechar Pandya was ordered by the Political Agent. He also surrendered to the court of the First Class Magistrate of Vala before the date fixed by the Bhavnagar State for his surrender. The case pro-

ceeded and they were committed to the Court of Session of this State. Bhavan Pandya accused No. 1 was defended by 3 pleaders from outside, and Plemchand Mulji Parekh accused No. 2 by 3 pleaders, and 3 others were in assistance all pleaders were outside pleaders. In this Court they both pleaded guilty, produced in cash Rs. 4000 which accused No 2 had illegally drawn from a banker and showed a trader to whom grain was sold for Rs. 2417 odd; also admitted difference in price of cotton sold to a merchant in whose book there was an entry of Rs. 10 per maund while in the papers of the Bai's account credit was given at Rs. 9—13—0 per maund. They both prayed for mercy of the court. In the Hazur Court when twice applying for their release on bail they admitted that they were instigated by high hopes of assistance promised by certain persons to oppose the State Kamdar's authority. They said they were misled, and so they came to grief and suffered, or else, they were willing to throw at the mercy of the State by producing accounts. They were convicted and sentenced in September 1920. Thus the incident came to an end, and the State got the money which they had pocketed in the course of about a year. In one year they had committed a fraud of over Rs. 6000. During their trial certain persons had made agitation and took an active part with the assistance of certain persons for their release on bail in order to break down evidence but the plot failed.

Census.

28. The census operation was commenced stage by stage regularly as advised time to time by the Provincial Superintendent of Census. The final numbering was made on the night of the 18th March 1921. The State, has of late, sent its staff to Songad, the head quarter of the Gohilwad Prant, for slip copying, abstraction and tabulation work, under the supervision of the Census Superintendent, Gohilwad Prant.

CHAPTER II.

ADMINISTRATION OF LAND.

Revenue year.

29. The revenue year of the State is the Hindu Kartaki year, which begins with Kartak Sud 1st and ends with Diwali (*i. e.* from 24-10-19 to 10-11-20). The land produce, therefore which this report deals with is for the Samvat year 1976 and the revenue and expenditure are also for that year.

Rainfall.

30. The rainfall during the year under report (Sn. 1976) was 17 inches 94 cents, as against 7 inches 75 cents in the previous year. The average of the past five

years come to 21 inches 47 cents. The total rainfall was less than during the ordinary year hence the revenue was proportionately less.

Nature of land.

31. The country is flat. For physical characteristic, the lands of the State can be divided into two main divisions viz. eastern and western. The eastern division consists of alluvial soil known as Bhal, where wheat is grown without irrigation, The western half is ordinarily black soil, where irrigation is done by wells. In the former division sweet water is not available and so it is entirely dependent upon timely good fall of rain.

32. As for revenue and expenditure this report is for the Samvat year 1976 (24-10-19 to 10-11-20) but as for other matters this report deals with the official year 1920-21.

Water Works at Vala.

33. The Water Works at Vala continued as usual to supply water to Darbargad, garden, for rearing trees round the town and watering roads. The big tank at Vala contained very little quantity of water owing to insufficient rainfall.

Land Revenue.

34. The land revenue of the State excluding that of the Zilla Villages, during the revenue year Samvat 1976 (24-10-19 to 10-11-20.) was Rs. 1,42,286, while that of the 6 Zilla Villages was Rs. 13,704, making a grand total of Rs. 1,55,990.

CHAPTER III.

PROTECTION.

Legislation.

35. The State has adopted the spirit of the British Civil and Criminal laws in all the courts and in minor matters such as registration and the like, has framed its own rules.

Military.

36. There is no military force in the State.

Police.

37. The force consists of 20 mounted and 50 foot police, but at present, there are on the roll 13 mounted and 35 foot police which number suffices for our present requirement.

Working of thepolice in the past year.

38. The total number of offences reported during the year was 102 as against 85 in the previous year and that of the accused arrested and sent for trial was 98 as against 97 Out of 98 brought to trial, 50 were convicted and 47

were acquitted or discharged, while one was awaiting trial at the end of the year. The percentage of convictions was 51·02 as against 61·85 in the previous year. (Appendix V.)

Stolen property.

39. The approximate value of property alleged to have been stolen during the year amounted to Rs. 1829 as against Rs. 2071 during the previous year; while that of the property recovered was Rs. 1010 as against Rs. 919 in the preceding year thus giving the percentage of 55·22 as against 44·37 of the last year. (Appendix VI.)

Crimes.

40. Particulars of crimes committed, detected and punished are given in Appendix VII. There was only one serious offence of grievous hurt during the year under report.

Courts.

41. There are three courts of civil justice in the State:—(1) Nyayadhish court which takes cognizance of suits upto the value of Rs. 5000. (2) Sar Nyayadhish court, which hears suits above Rs. 5000 upto Rs. 20000; besides being a court of appeal against the decisions passed by the Nyayadhish and (3) Hazur Court, which is the highest appellate court of the State, has no original work. Details of work done by each court during the year under report are given in Appendices X and XII.

42. In addition to the above mentioned courts, there is one more court called the Rajprakarni court, presided over by the Sar Nyayadhish, which hears and decides suits relating to bhayats, mulgirasias and the like. Appeals from the decisions lie to the Hazur court.

43. The State has the power to hear suits upto the value of Rs. 20000 in civil matters, the same power as is being exercised by other 3rd Class States in Kathiawar.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

44. There are three courts of criminal justice in the State, viz. (1) The First Class Magistrate's court. (2) the Sessions court and (3) the Hazur Court. The Sar Nyayadhish presides in the Sessions Court. The Hazur Court is the highest court of appeal and revision. It has no original work. Details of the work done by each court during the year are given in Appendices VIII and IX.

45. The following powers are exercised by the Criminal Courts:—

The First Class Magistrate's Court:—It is called the Nyayadhish Court and exercises the powers of awarding sentence of imprisonment for a term

not exceeding two years and fine not exceeding Rs. 1000; also exercises the following additional powers:—

(a) Whipping

(b) To require security for good behaviour.

(c) To try summarily according to the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code.

The Sar Nyayadhish is the District Magistrate as also the Sessions Judge. This Court has power to award sentence upto 7 years' imprisonment of either description and fine not exceeding Rs 10000.

46. The State has powers to award sentence upto 7 years' imprisonment of either description and fine to the extent of Rs. 10000, as is exercised by other 3rd Class States of Kathiawar.

47. Offences beyond the Jurisdiction of this State and of murder and dacoity with murder are committed for trial to the Principal Court of Criminal Justice in Kathiawar.

48. To sum up. The Hazur Court is the highest and final court of appeal in civil and criminal matters. Appeals from the decisions of the Nyayadhish in civil suits are heard by the Sar Nyayadhish and second appeals from the Sar Nyayadhish's decisions are heard by the Hazur Court. Appeals from the decisions of the Sar Nyayadhish in original civil suits are also heard by the Hazur Court.

49. In criminal matters, the Sar Nyayadhish hears appeals from the decisions of the First Class Magistrate. Appeals in Sessions cases decided by the Sar Nyayadhish are heard by the Hazur Court. Revision applications from the decisions in criminal cases lie to the Hazur Court.

50. Appendix VIII deals with the number & nature of offences reported to the criminal Courts. These offences comprised 98 persons of whom, 50 were convicted 47 acquitted as against 60 and 37 respectively during the previous year.

Criminal appeals.

51 One criminal appeal was presented during the year to the Sar Nyayadhish Court, which was disposed of. (Appendix IX.)

Civil Suits.

52. 69 civil suits of an aggregate value of Rs. 10967 were filed during the year. There was a balance of 8 suits making a total of 77. Of these 77, 65 suits of the value of

Rs. 12008 were disposed of during the year, while 12 remained undisposed of at the end of the year. (Appendix X.)

Execution of decrees

53. 386 applications for execution of decrees of the value of Rs 86926 were on the file during the year of which 307 of the value of Rs. 62358 were disposed of leaving a balance of 79 at the end of the year. (Appendix XI).

Civil appeals.

54. During the year under report, 9 appeals were filed in the Court of the Sar Nyayadhish of which 7 were disposed of, in which the decision in one was confirmed, in two reversed and in four amended. In the Hazur Court, 4 appeals were filed during the year and there was a balance of four of the previous year making a total of 8. Of which 1 was disposed of leaving a balance of 7 at the end of the year. These appeals could not be taken up owing to famine conditions. (Appendix XII.)

Extradition.

55. The demand for extradition was usual and calls for no special remarks except in one case vide para 27.

Prison.

56. There is only one prison in the state and that is at Vala. The guard duty at the prison is being performed by the regular police of the State. 12 prisoners were admitted during the year and adding three who remained at the end of the last year, the total came to 15. Of whom, 14 were discharged and 1 remained at the end of the year. The total cost excluding that of the police guard was Rs. 733 as against Rs. 445 in the previous year. (Appendix XIII). The excess in the expenditure is due to the fact that Rs. 321 odd were paid to the Agency Jail Authorities Rajkot, for maintenance charge of a criminal lunatic of this State.

Registration.

57. 15 documents of an aggregate value of Rs, 4337 were registered during the year as against 30 of the value of Rs. 19844 in the previous year, (Appendix XIV). The amount of fee realized was Rs. 206 as against Rs. 256 in the preceding year (Appendix XV),

Municipality.

58. The Municipal affairs are being conducted by the State by maintaining a small establishment. The cleanliness of the town, lighting, watering and conservancy are the chief matters to be looked after. Municipal receipts amounted to Rs. 4961 and the expenditure was Rs, 5121 as against Rs. 5523 and Rs. 5420 respectively in the previous year, (Appendix XVI),

CHAPTER IV.

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION

Weather & crops.

59. As for the revenue matter, Samvat year 1976 was a 12 anna year. The rainfall in St year 1976 was 17 inches 94 cents i. e. about 2 inches less than the annual average viz. 20 inches.

60 The following is a comparative statement showing the areas of different crops under cultivation during the present year as well as the past year,

Serial Number	Crops.	Areas under cultivation in acres St. 1976	Areas under cultivation in acres St 1977
1	Cotton	6480	11154
2	Juwar	21635	16677
3	Wheat	8769	2279
4	Bajri	2968	1414
5	Til	3484	1744
6	Gram	346	925
7	Miscellaneous	727	72
8	Sugarcane	32	38
	Total...	44441	34303

The cultivators were afforded every sort of facility in sowing during the monsoon.

Outturn.

61 The outturn of St. 1976 year was 12 annas in the rupee as alluded to above.

Wages.

62. Throughout the year, the wages of labour ranged between 8 to 10 annas per diem according to efficiency but labour was very scarce.

Staple food.

63. The prices of staplefood grains remained high throughout the year.

Forest. 64. There is no forest in the State, but there are fruit trees such as mango, jambu and gunda in the Zilla villages.

Trees. 65, Great care is being taken of the road side trees which are chiefly nim trees and they are reared at some cost. They are watered from the garden well where an oil engine and pump work.

Trade & Manufacure. 66. There are no local industrial institutions worthy of mention, in the State. The principal items of trade are cotton, wheat and juwari. The value of export amounted to Rs. 1,62192 as against Rs. 74,622 in the previous year, The import amounted to Rs. 124836 as against Rs. 484650 in the preceding year.

Factory. 67, There is no factory of any sort in the State, The State maintained its own Work Shop for its own use and it turns out very good articles of furniture, carriages, &c.

Ginning Factory. 68, There is only one ginning factory at Vala belonging to a cotton merchant of Viramgam which is now a joint stock company. During the year under report the factory worked for about 4½ months.

Public Works. 69. Appendix XIX deals with details of expenditure incurred on public works during the Samvat year 1976. No original work was undertaken during the year, but a portion of the Bhidbhanjan building (municipal store house) was renewed as it was in a tottered condition. It was seen by Major Burke, Political Agent, Gohilwad Prant, who was pleased to suggest to take the work in hand. The Principal items were district road repairs, annual repairs to State buildings, cattle pounds, wells &c., The total cost on public works amounted to Rs. 8727 in cluding the cost of Public Works and work shop establishment etc.

Post Office. 70. There is a combined Post and Telegraph Office at Vala. In villages, school masters perform the postal work.

Mint. 71. There is no mint in the State.

Agricultural Stock. 72. Appendix XX gives details of the Agricultural Stock. No special remarks seems necessary.

Excise. 73. The total revenue in excise was Rs. 669 as against Rs. 681 in the previous year. The sale of liquor and opium is very limited here. The use of ganja is nominal and toddy is not produced here at all. (Appendix XXI).

CHAPTER V.

REVENUE and FINANCE.

74. The gross income of St. 1976 [24-10-19 to 10-11-20] was Rs. 2,94,832 including the income of the six Talukdari villages under British Jurisdiction, viz. Rs. 16612. There was an opening balance of Rs. 2724 thus making a total of Rs. 2,97,556. Adding to it Rs. 14430 the amount of Government Loan received during the year, the grand total came to Rs. 3,11,986. The expenditure was Rs. 2,87,211, which left a closing balance of Rs. 24,775 on the last day of St. 1976 i. e. on 10-11-20.

75. As the Samvat year 1975 was a famine year, no instalment of Government Loan debt was paid in that year, but double the amount of instalment viz. Rs. 40,000 was paid towards Government Loan in Samvat 1976.

Re fixing of Government Loan instalment

76. A fresh agreement dated the 5th April 1920 was entered into with the Agency whereby an anuual minimum instalment of Rs 30,000 with a maximum of Rs. 50,000 is fixed from 1st May 1921 instead of an instalment of Rs 20,000 agreed upon by the Thakor Shri of Vala in 1913. The increased amount was based on the following facts.

(a) That the village of Kalatalao which was granted to Bama Saheb Sunderba, mother of the Chief in Jiwai lapsed to the State on that lady's demise in October 1918 by which there would be a corresponding increase in the State revenue and

(b) that within 6 years of the present administration (i. e from 1914 to 1919) Rs. 1,31,083 were paid to Government towards loan debt and Rs. 123374 towards arrears of servants' salary, jiwai allowances, miscellaneous bills pased but remained unpaid, private debt &c., &c., making a total of Rs. 2,54,457, the average of payment came to Rs. 42,400 per annum although the years A. D. 1916 and 1918 were famine years, and 1917 a bad year; still the average annual payment came to Rs, 42,200, On this calculation, enhanced instalments were fixed.

Liabilities.

77. The total liability of the Vala State on 31 March 1921 is as under :—

		Rs.
(a)	Balance of Government loan debt on account of famine and marriages incurred in St. 1968 A D. 1912.	72,239-10-0
(b)	Famine Loan debt incurred in St. 1972 [A. D. 1916]	61,857- 0-0
(c)	Famine Loan debt incurred in A. D, 1919,	92,214- 0-0
(d)	Amount of interest for 4 years i, e ,1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, A. D, on Government Loan of St, 1972 A, D, 1916	10,317-11-0
(e)	Amount of interest for the year 1919 A, D, on Government Loa n of St 1975-76 A. D. 1919 about	3,998-15-0
(f)	Interest on all Loans from 1-4-20 to 31-3-21 say about (Accounts not received from the Accountant General),	11,540- 0-0
	Total of Government Loan debt ...	2,52,167- 4-0
(g)	Other sorts of private debt (interest not calculated from 1st November 1913).	2,94,014- 0-0
	If Interest is added for the last 7 years, the amount would be about 1½ Lacs.	1,50,000- 0-0
	Total ...	6,96,181- 4-0

or say about 7 Lacs.

78. Thakor Shri Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji Gohil is out since 16th November 1914 and the administration of his State is conducted by his Kamdar Mr. Ruttonji Pestonji Green, retired 2nd Grade Deputy Political Agent. On 23rd January 1917, a fresh agreement was made by the Thakor Shri with the Agency agreeing that the administration of his State should be conducted by his Kamdar Mr. Ruttonji Pestonji Green during his absence for 5 years and the administration is conducted accordingly.

Out-come of present Administration,

79 During the course of past seven years i. e. from 1914 to 1920 the present administration made repayments as under

	Towards Government Loan.	Rs.
In 1914	... ...	31,083-1-0
In 1915	... ...	20,000-0-0
In 1916	... ...	Famine year.
In 1917	... ...	30,000-0-0
In 1918	... ...	30,000-0-0

		Rs.
In 1919		Famine year.
In 1920		40,000-0-0
		1,51,083-1-0
(b) Towards other special debts in 2 years.		
(A. D. 1914 & 1915.)...		1,23,374-0-0
Grand total...		2,74,457-1-0

The average payment in 7 years amounted to Rs. 39,208 though the years 1916, 1918 and 1919 were famine years. Thus within 7 years there were 3 famine years. If there were no other sorts of debts such as paid in 1914 and 1915 on account of arrears of servants' wages for several months, and other bills which were paid after obtaining sanction of the Political Agent, amounting to Rs. 97,678 and the amount paid by the Darbar towards private debt, the original Government Loan debt of Rs. 1,78,235 incurred by the Thakor Shri during the famine of 1912 including the marriage debt would have been paid by the Kamdar in two years viz in 1914 and 1915. The successive bad seasons greatly interfered with the payment of debt, still Government Loan instalments of Rs. 20,000 fixed by Colonel Berthon were paid without default by the present administration. In 1916 owing to famine the loan instalment was not paid in that year but double the amount was paid in the next year. Similarly instalment of 1919 was not paid in that year but double the amount of instalment was paid in 1920. i. e. Rs. 40,000 were paid in 1920. Thus no instalment remained in arrear upto 31st March 1921 during the administration of the Kamdar for 7 years. From the above figures it will appear that the Kamdar has made every effort to pay more in good years, but nature was against the State for 3 years. From the above figures it seems that the State is capable of paying Rs. 40,000 in a year even after a bad season. As regards servants' pay, all were paid in full in two years viz. 1914 and 1915 except one. There was famine in 1916 and as Government Loan was to be applied for, payment of salary due to the late Kamdar Mr. Krishnalal Keshavlal Trivedi, High Court Pleader, remained unpaid owing to want of funds. The total amount due to him was Rs. 6,271 upto August 1913. Rs. 2271 were paid by me in July 1914, leaving Rs. 4,000 to be paid later on. Bad years followed and the amount still remains unpaid. He often requests for his money. If the next year proves to be a good one he will be paid in full satisfaction of his claim as he has not been paid since the last 7

years. The amount is for service debt and has a prior claim.

80. During the 2 famine years viz. 1916 and 1919, the present administration had to borrow respectively Rs. 61,857 and Rs. 92,214 from Government, total Rs. 1,54,071 to carry on the administration. From the above amount, the following items were utilized for aid to cultivators and loans to girasias, bhayats etc.

			Rs.
Tacavi aid to cultivators including those of Zilla villages	A. D. 1916	...	5215
	A. D. 1919	...	17875
			23090
Loan to girasias, bhayats and mulgirasias.	A. D. 1916	...	2306
	A. D. 1919	...	16124
			18430
	Grand Total		41520

Thus out of Rs. 1,54,071 borrowed in 2 years, Rs. 41,520 were a sort of investment recoverable with interest and Rs. 1,12,551 only be considered a pure loan to carry on administration, gratuitous relief etc.

CHAPTER VI.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Hospital.

81. There is only one hospital in this State called the "King Edward VII Memorial Hospital" at Vala. Mr. Prabhudas Motichand Champaneri L. M. & S. who was the Chief Medical Officer resigned this State service on 1-10-20 as he got a post in the Bhavnagar State Medical Department. The post remained vacant for the latter portion of the year. No suitable candidate came forward to accept the post though advertized twice. The current charge is with the compounder. The benefit of the hospital is freely enjoyed by the population as well as by persons of surrounding villages. The medical relief is given gratis at the expense of the State. The hospital building contains accommodation for 4 beds for males and 1 for female. The hospital was visited by Major H. M. Wightwick, Political Agent, Gohilwad Prant, during that Officer's halt at Vala in November last.

Patients treated.

82. The total number of patients treated during the year under report was 5535 as against 7617 in the previous year. There were 4 indoor patients during the year. The decrease in the number of outdoor patients may be attributed partly to the absence of the Chief Medical Officer, and partly there was no epidemic or sickness.

Expenditure.

83. The total expenditure of the Medical Department in Samvat year 1976 was Rs. 3188 as against Rs. 3893 in the preceding year.

Vaccination.

Vaccination Department is supervised and controlled by the Agency Surgeon, Kathiawar. The State has to pay its quota towards the expenses of vaccinatiors etc The total number of children vaccinated was 426 of which 233 were boys and 193 were girls against a total of 467 in the previous year. There was no case of re-vaccination.

Births.

85. There were 228 births as against 283 in the previous year, the ratio being 20·02 per 1000 of population.

Deaths.

86 The number of deaths registered was 278 as against 303 in the previous year, the ratio per 1000 of population being 24·41 as against 23·28 in the previous year.

CHAPTER VII.

EDUCATION.

87. There are in all 8 schools in the State.

Schools.

1	Middle School teaching upto Standard IV.
6	Primary boys' schools.
1	Girls' school.
8	

All the above schools are under the direct control and supervision of the Agency Educational Officer, Kathiawar.

Number of pupils.

88. During the year under report, the number of pupils was 553 as against 526 in the previous year. The average attendance was 390 as against 378 in the past year.

Expenditure.

89. The total expenditure of all the schools, including Education Inspection Varad &c. during the Samvat year 1976 was Rs. 5183 as against Rs. 4415 in the previous year. (Appendix XXV). The increase in expenditure is due to the fact that some increase was given to the school masters.

CHAPTER VIII

MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing Press.

90. There is no printing press in the State.

Library.

91. There is a free liabrary maintained by the State, which is supplied with 2 daily English, 2 daily Vernacular and 4 weekly Vernacular and 1 biweekly newspapers; also illustrated weekly edition of the Times of India.

Fire appliances.

92. There is a fire engine with hoses.

Revision of Establishment pay.

93. The scarcity allowance, paid to the State servants, as alluded to in para 95 of the last year's report did not give sufficient relief to the State servants. The prevailing prices of all the necessaries of life were unprecedently high. Every where and in every branch of service revision of pay and grades became a matter of great importance. Taking into consideration all the local circumstances, all round increment of about 25% was given to the servants of this State with the kind approval of the Political Agent, Gohilwad Prant, from 1st August 1920.

Conclusion.

94. Owing to successive bad seasons there was a great stress of work. No additional establishment was employed. The present staff, though among there were vacancies, did the work. The greatest burden fell on the Hazur Office establishment who did its onerous duty willingly and cheerfully. They were coming to office early and leaving it late in the evening and on holidays they were attending office so as to avoid arrears, as there was much urgent work requiring attention. The Hazur Office Superintendent had the hardest work and at the same time he had to prepare for his examinations. In 1920 he passed his Lower Standard Examination and came first, and this year he passed the Higher Standard Examination with credit and was first in rank out of 7 who were successful. Thus he had to prepare for his examination and to attend the office work simultaneously. Although increase is given to the establishment, the salary is low in comparison to the managed estates. There is no Treasury Officer, or Audit Officer and the Kamdar with his establishment has to attend to those duties with the aid of the Hazur Superintendent. Owing to the failure of monsoon, the Kamdar had visited all the villages so as to see the condition of the people and of crops and to be acquainted with the wants of the people. The stress is not much and a good rainfall in June next will bring normal condition.

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APPENDIX I.

Names of high officials in the Vala State and showing changes in personnel during the year 1920-21.

No	Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Period.		Remarks.
			From.	To.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Ruttonji Pestonji Green, Retired 2nd Grade Deputy Political Agent Born 29-4-1856. Aged 64.	Kamdar.	1-4-20	31-3-21	

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APPENDIX II.

List of Laws in force in the Vala state, during the year 1920-21

No.	Description.	Whether adopted from the British Indian Acts.	Introduced during the year under report.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	3
				No special laws of the State, but the spirit of the British Laws is adopted

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APPENDIX III.

Statement showing the strength, cost, and other particulars of the Military Force in the Vala State, during the year 1920–21

Arms of service.	Number of fighting officers and men.						Details of force at the end of the current year.						Total cost on account of pay and allowances of the force, including followers	Remarks
	At the end of last year.	Recruited this year	Casualties			At the end of the current year.	Number of Regiments, Battalions or Batteries	Number of guns	Number of men					
			Died	Invalided	Discharged, deserted, &c.				European Commissioned officers	Native Commissioned officers	Non-Commissioned officers.	Fighting men.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cavalry. ...														
Sappers. ..														
Artillery ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry ...														
Imperial Service Troops														
Total...														

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APPENDIX IV.

Statement showing the strength, cost, descipline, and education of the Police Force in the Vala State, during the year 1920–21.

Description of Police	Number	Pay of Grade	Total cost	Punishments			Rewards.		Education		Remarks.
				Dismiss	Fined, degraded, or suspended departmentally	Punished judicially	By promotion	By money	Number able to read and write	Number under instruction	
Jamdar	2	25	50	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	
Havaldar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Full Naik	2	15	30	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Lance Naik	4	13	52	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Bugler	1	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
1st class Constable	3	12	36	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	
2nd class ,,	10	11	110	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	
3rd class ,,	13	10	130	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	
Total...	35		420	2	...	...	...	...	14	...	

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APPENDIX V.

Statement showing the working of the Police in the Vala State, during the year 1920-21.

Name of State.	Number of offences		Number of accused arrested.		Number of accused sent for trial.		Number of accused convicted.		Number of accused acquitted or discharged.		Percentage of convictions (columns 4 and 5).		Percentage of convicted of accused sent for trial.		Remarks.
	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year.	Present year	Past year	Present year	Past year	Present year	
Vala.	85	102	97	98	97	98 +	60	50	37	47	61·85	51·2	61·85	51·02	+ One accused was awaiting trial at the end of the year.

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APPENDIX VI.

Statement showing the value of property stolen and amount of recoveries in the Vala State, during the year 1920-21.

Name of State.	Amount stolen		Amount recovered		Percentage of recoveries of property stolen		Remarks.
	1919-20	1920-21	1919-20	1920-21	1919-20	1920-21	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Vala.	Rs. 2071	Rs. 1829	Rs. 919	Rs. 1010	44·37	55·22	

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APPENDIX VII.

Statement showing the number of crimes committed, number of cases disposed of, and cases awaiting trial in the Vala State, during the year 1920-21.

No	Description of offences.	Number of offences.			No. of cases disposed of during the past year.	No. of cases disposed of during the present year.	No. of persons apprehended.	No. of persons convicted.	Number of persons sentenced.							No. of persons acquitted or discharged.	No. of persons confined being insane.	No. of persons died during or before trial.	Term of imprisonment.									Capital punishment	Awaiting trial.	Remarks
		Balance from the past year.	Committed during the present year	Total.					Imprisonment.		Imprisonment and fine.		Fine only	Whipping.	Total.				Under 1 month.	From 1 to 2 months	„ 2 to 3 months.	„ 3 to 6 months.	„ 6 to 12 months.	„ 1 to 2 years.	„ 2 to 3 years.	„ 3 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.	Transportation.			
									Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous																		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
1	Forgery.	...	...	...																										
2	Theft	...	24	24																										
3	Enticing a married woman	...	...	...																										
4	Marrying again during the life time of husband.	...	...	...																										
5	Simple hurt.	...	15	15																										
6	House breaking.	...	2	2																										
7	Attempt to commit suicide	...	...	...																										
8	Adultery	...	1	1	58	60	98	50	...	...	8	16	26	...	50	47	...	...	23	.	..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
9	Rape	...	...	...																										
10	Possessing false weight	...	...	..																										
11	Crimes against coinage rules	...	...	...																										
12	Miscellaneous.	...	59	59																										
13	Grievous hurt	..	1	1																										
	Total...	...	102	102	58	60	98	50	...	...	8	16	26	...	50	47	...	...	23	..	..	1	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	1	

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APPENDIX VIII

Statement showing the number of offences reported and dealt with by the various Courts in the Vala State, during the year 1920-21.

Number.	Name of Courts	Number of offences reported during the year.		Number of persons dealt with.								Persons disposed of.					Persons remaining at the end of the year.	Remarks.
				Remaining at the end of last year.	*Brought to trial in 1920-21*					*Total.*								
		Past year.	Present year.		Arrested by Police.	Upon warrant	On summons.	Voluntary.	Arrested in the presence of the Magistrate.	Past year.	Present year.	Discharged without trial.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1	Sar Nyayadhish Court.	1	5	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	
2	Nyayadhish court	84	97	...	60	5	31	....	...	96	96	...	47	48	...	...	1	
	Total...	85	102	...	61	5	31	1	...	97	98	...	47	50	...	...	1	

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APPENDIX IX.

Statement showing the result of appeals against the decisions passed by the Criminal Courts in the Vala State, during the year 1920-21

State.	Tribunal.	Number of applications.	*Number of persons and cases.*																Remarks.
			Applications rejected.		*Sentences.* Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.		Proceedings quashed.		Referred.		Further inquiry &c. ordered.		Pending		
			Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	
Vala	Sar Nyayadhish court	1	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Two criminal rivision applications were filed in the Hazur Court.
	Hazur court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total...	1	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

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APPENDIX X.

Statement showing the Civil work—Nature and value of original suits filed and disposed of in the courts of the Vala State, during the year 1920-21.

Number.	Tribunals.	Opening balance		Filed during the year, received by transfer or on remand.		Total.		Disposed of during the year.		Closing balance		Suits filed during the present year.									Suits disposed of during the present year.						Remarks
		Past year	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Past year	Present year.	Value. Rs.	Suits re-landed property.	Suits for money transactions.	Suits for other rights.	Number of suits under Rs. 100.	Number of suits above Rs. 100 and under Rs. 500	Number of suits above Rs 500 and under Rs. 1000	Number of suits above Rs. 1,000 and under Rs. 5,000	Number of suits above Rs. 5,000	Ex-parte,	Admitted and compromised.	Struck off the file.	Otherwise disposed of	Value. Rs.	Average duration.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	Sar Nyayadhish court.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	M. D	
2	Nyayadhish Court	4	8	69	69	73	77	65	65	8	12	10,967	0	64	5	51	9	1	3	0	9	20	1	35	12.008	3-18	
	Total...	4	8	69	69	73	77	65	65	8	12	10,967	0	64	5	51	9	1	3	0	9	20	1	35	12.008		

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APPENDIX XI.

Statement showing the Civil work-Results of applications for execution of decrees filed in the courts of the Vala State during the year 1920-21

Number.	Tribunals.	Opening balance		Value of opening balance for 1920-21	Applications brought to the Register.			Total.			Disposed of			Closing balance.			Nature of applications pending disposal at the close of the year.			Remarks
		Past year.	Present year.		Past year.	Present year	Value for 1920-21	Past year	Present year	Value. for 1920-21	Past year.	Present year.	Value. for 1920-21	Past year.	Present year.	Value. for 1920-21	Below 6 months.	Below 12 months.	Above 1 year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				Rs.			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.				
1	Sar Nyayadhish court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2	Nyayadhish court.	3	184	40,683	202	202	46243	205	386	86,926	21	307	62,358	184	79	24,568	64	10	5	
	Total...	3	184	40,683	202	202	46243	205	386	86,926	21	307	62,358	184	79	24,568	64	10	5	

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APPENDIX XII.

Statement showing the Civil work–Number and result of appeals in Civil suits in the Vala State, during the year 1920-21.

Tribunal.	Opening balance		Filed during the year		Total.		Disposed of during the year		Closing balance.		Value of appeals filed during the year Rs.		How disposed of										Average duration.		Remarks.
													Decisions confirmed		Decisions reversed		Decisions amended		Cases re-manded for re-trial		Cases com promised and otherwise disposed of				
	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
																							M. D.	M. D.	
Sar Nyayadhish court.	0	0	3	9	3	9	3	7	0	2	200	3791	1	1	1	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	2-13	2-20	Appeals could not be taken up owing to famine condition
Hazur Court	1	4	3	4	4	8	0	1	4	7	4144	520	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5-3	
Total..	1	4	6	13	7	17	3	8	4	9	4344	4311	1	2	1	2	1	4	0	0	0	0			

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APPENDIX XIII.

Statement showing the number of persons confined in the Jail and Lock-ups in the Vala State, during the year 1920-21.

Stations	No. of prisons	Number of prisoners.				Daily average.		Number of prisoners remaining at the end of the year.	Total cost of Jail and prisoners.	Average period of accused under trial	Remarks showing mortality among convicts in Jail
		Remaining from last year.	Admitted during the year.	Total.							
				Past year.	Present year.	Past year	Present year.				
									Rs.	Days.	No death occurred during the year
Vala.	1	3	12	18	15	1·8	1·9	1	× 733	1	× Cost of the guard not included.

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APPENDIX XIV.

Statement showing the details of registration of documents in the Vala State, during the year 1920-21.

Name of State.	Documents presented for registration.		Nature of documents presented										Documents registered		Value of Documents registered.		Documents of which registry has been refused		Documents remaining unregistered pending enquiry at the close of the year.		Remarks.
			Mortgages.		Sale deeds.		Wills.		Money bonds.		Miscellaneous										
	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	Past year.	Present year.	Past year.	Present year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
															Rs.	Rs.					
Vala	32	18	22	10	7	6	2	1	...	...	1	1	30	15	19844	4337	4	...	3	3	

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APPENDIX XV.

Statement showing the receipts and expenditure on account of Registration in the Vala State, during the year 1920-21.

Description	Past year.			Present year.			Remarks
	Number of deeds.	Value of Property Rs.	Fees realized Rs.	Number of deeds.	Value of Property Rs.	Fees realized Rs.	
Mortgage with possession	20	16973	52	8	1637	20	
Simple mortgage	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sale	7	2871	197	5	2700	181	
Unfructuary mortgage	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Wills	2	0	5	1	0	2	
Miscellaneous	1	0	2	1	0	3	
Total...	30	19844	256	15	4337	206	
Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total...	30	19844	256	15	4337	206	

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APPENDIX XVI.

Statement showing Receipts and Expenditure of Municipalities in the Vala State, during the year 1920-21

Name.	Opening Balance on 1st day of Kartic St. 1976	Receipts during the year.		Total in current year.	Expenditure during the year.		Balance on 30th Aso St. 1976	Remarks.
		Past year	Present year.		Past year.	Present year.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs		
Vala	103	5523	4961	5064	5420	5121	...	The deficit is paid by the State.

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APPENDIX XVII

Statement of rainfall in the Vala state, during the year 1920–21.

State	April 1920		May 1920		June 1920		July 1920		August 1920		September 1920		October 1920		November 1920		December 1920		January 1921		February 1921		March 1921		Total.		Total of past year.		Average of the past 5 years.		Remarks.
	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents,	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.	
Vala	0	8	4	72	6	32	3	8	0	76	1	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	19	17	94	21	47	

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APPENDIX XVIII.

Statement as to price of staple food grains in the Vala State during the year 1920–1921.

No.	Articles.	Rate per Rupee during March 1920. Bengali			Rate per Rupee during March 1921. Bengali			Remarks
1	2	3			4			5
		M.	S.	T.	M.	S.	T.	
1	Wheat	...	6	20	...	6	20	
2	Bajri	...	7	...	...	6	...	
3	Juwar	...	10	...	...	8	...	
4	Gram	...	6	20	...	6	30	

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APPENDIX XIX.

Expenditure on Public Works, during the year St. 1976 i. e. from 24-10-19 to 10-11-20.

Description of works.	State Funds.			Local Funds.			Total	Remarks.
	Original	Repairs.	Total	Original.	Repairs.	Total		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
District Road Repairs.		604	604					
Repairs to Buildings								
[a] Repairs to utara at Sihor		212	212					
[b] Repairs to Police and Sowars' lines and outposts.		115	115					
[c] Repairs to utaras in villages		273	273					
[d] Repairs to Travellers' Bungalow and Dharmashala.		330	330					
[e] Repairs to all Darbari buildings		2902	2902					
Repairs to cattle pounds in the villages		100	100					
Repairs to wells & water troughs in the villages		548	548					
Water Works expenses		676	676					
P. W. Estat lishment including T. A. and Dead stock.		2967	2967					
Total ..		8,727	8,727					

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APPENDIX XX.

Statement showing Agricultural stock in the Vala State during the year 1920–21.

District	Year.	Horses and Cattle									Ploughs		Carts.		Remarks
		Bullocks	Cows	Buffaloes. Male	Buffaloes. Female	Horses	Mares	Colts and Fillies	Asses	Sheep and goats	with 2 bullocks	with 4 bullocks	Riding	Load carrying	
Vala	1920–21	2938	1768	558	1573	24	103	21	130	6187	1223	200	24	549	

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APPENDIX XXI.

Statement showing the excise shops and excise revenue of the Vala State, during the year St. 1976 i. e. from 24-10-19 to 10-11-20

Name of State.	Country Spirit.		Opium.		Ganja.		Toddy.		Total		Remarks.
	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	Number of shops.	Revenue.	
1.	2	3	4	5.	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.	
Vala	4	134	2:	435	2	100	...	...	6	66	

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Statement showing the Receipts and Charges of the Vala State for the

No. of Heads	Receipts. Name of Heads.	Actuals of St. 1976 Rs.	Rs.
	OPENING BALANCE. Rs.		
	Cash in Vala Treasury. 11		
	In the Bank of Bombay, Rajkot Branch. 2,213		
	Invested in War Bond. 500		
	2,724		2,724
I	Land Revenue	1,42,286	
II	Taxes	6,064	
III	Sayar	15,510	
IV	Law and Justice	4,688	
V	Education Varad from Bhayats	561	
VI	Interest [cash receipt]	766	
VII	Miscellaneous including produce of Oghachhut villages	13,093	
VIII	Difference in the prices of grain, grass &c.	2,527	
IX	Recovery of advances and outstanding dues, including P. W. Stores, materials &c.	28,912	
X	Refund.	477	
	Total for villages under Agency jurisdiction.	2,14,884	2,14,884
XI	Total for Zillah Villages	16,612	16,612
XII	Adjustments :—		
	[a] Outstanding dues of the year.	4,034	
	[b] Interest [paper entry].	30,590	
	[c] Recovery of advances	28,712	
		63,336	63,336
XIII	Government Loan in 1920 for famine	14,430	14,430
	Grand Total...	3,11,986	3,11,986

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XXII.

Samvat year 1976 corresponding to 24-10-19 to 10-11-20.

No. of Heads	Expenditure. Name of heads.	Actuals of St. 1976	
		Rs.	
I	General Administration, Revenue, Law and Justice including travelling allowances, contingences, grain compensation. &c.	25,766	
II	Jail charges.	733	
III	Police charges.	15,427	
IV	Political charges	17,621	
V	Bardashi expenses	2,973	
VI	Education expenses.	5,183	
VII	Agriculture.	8,685	
VIII	P. W. D. expenses including Workshop and Water Works.	8,634	
IX	Darbar charges	58,757	
X	Pension and Dharmada.	4,093	
XI	Travellers' Bungalow & Dharmshala.	20	
XII	Municipal expenses.	5,121	
XIII	Medical charges.	3,188	
XIV	Revenue Survey.	980	
XV	Miscellaneous including Oghachhut. expenses Gratuitous relief.	5,813	
XVI	Remissions and Refunds of fees, fines &c.	43	
XVII	Loan Advances to Girasias and other advances.	11,105	
		1,74,142	1,74,142
XVIII	Payment of Government Loan Instalments.	40,000	40,000
	Total for villages under Agency jurisdiction.	2,14,142	2,14,142
XIX	Total for Zilla Villages.	9,733	9,733
XX	Adjustments shown under the Head XII on the Recept side.	63,336	63,336
	Closing Balance Rs.		
	Cash in Vala Treasury 16,213		
	In the Bank of Bombay Rajkot Branch 1,401		
	Invested in War Bond 500		
	Cotton (Kapas) in hand 6,661		
	24,775	24,775	24,775
	Grand Total...	3,11,986	3,11,986

(P.T.O.)

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The total liability of the Vala State, on 31st March 1921 is as under :—

		Rs.
(a)	Balance of Government Loan debt on account of famine and marriages incurred in St. 1968 A. D. 1912.	72,239-10-0
(b)	Famine Loan debt incurred in St. 1672. A D. 1916	61,857- 0-0
(c)	Famine Loan debt incurred in A. D. 1919. ...	92,214- 0-0
(d)	Amount of interest for 4 years i. e. 1916, 1917, 1918, and 1919. A. D. on Government Loan of St. 1972. A. D. 1916.	16,317-11-0
(e)	Amount of interest for the year 1919. A. D. on Government Loan of St. 1975-76 A. D. 1919	3,998-15-0
(f)	Interest on all Loans from 1-4-20 to 31-3-21. say about. (accounts not received from the Accountant General)	11,540- 0-0
	Total of Government Loan debt.	2,52,167- 4-0
(g)	Other sorts of private debt (interest not calculated from 1st November 1913.)	2,94,014-0-0
	If interest is added, for the last 7 years, the amount would be about 1½ Lacs.	1,50,000- 0-0
	Total...	6,96,181 -4-0

or say about 7 Lacs.

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APPENDIX XXIII

Statement of medical relief afforded in the Vala State, during the year 1920–21

No	Dispensary.	Number of patients treated.		Results of in-door patients.				Expenditure St year 1976 i. e 24-10-19to10 11-20	Daily average.	Remarks.
		Out-door.	In-door.	Discharged	Absented	Died.	Remaining under treatment			
								Rs.		
1	Vala	5535	4	4	...	...	...	3188	52	

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APPENDIX XXIV.

Statement showing vital statistics of the Vala State, for the year 1920-21

Name	Population according to the census of 1921.	Births.		Increase	Decrease	Deaths.		Increase	Decrease	Ratio per 1,000 of population.				Remarks.
										Births.		Deaths.		
		1919-20	1920-21			1919-20	1920-21			1919-20	1920-21	1919-20	1920-21	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Vala	11586	283	228	...	55	303	278	...	25	21·75	20·02	23·28	24·41	

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APPENDIX XXV.

Statement showing particulars as to the schools maintained by the Vala State, during the year 1920-21.

Number of Schools.		Description of Schools.	Number of pupils on the roll on 31st March.		Daily average attendance.		Expenditure. in St. 1976 i. e. from 24-10-19 to 10-11-20			Remarks
1919-1920	1920-1921		1919-1920	1920-1921	1919-1920	1920-1921	High Schools.	Secondary. Schools.	Primary. Schools.	
								Rs	Rs.	
1	1	Middle School	63	60	52·02	55·47		1012		
6	6	Primary Boys' Schools	371	401	265·25	268·33			3338	
1	1	Do. Girls' School.	92	92	61·21	66·25			832	
							Total Rs.	5183		

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No.	Name of State.	In subsidiary alliance or Feudatory.	Tribute in men or money		Estimated population according to the Census of 1921.	Number of School.	Number of persons being taught.	Number of persons vaccinated.	Gross revenue of Sb 1976 (24-10-19 to 10-11-20	Expenditure of Sb. 1976 [24-10-19 to 10-11-20]	Military force	Principal articles of production, manufacture, and mines.	Remarks.
			Amount.	Tribute Payble to									
1	Vala	Tributary.	Rs. 6854 2348 4090 13292	Gaekwar Peshkashi Junagadh Zortalbi Jama for Zillah villages	11,386	8	553	426	+Rs. 29,314 for Villages under Agency Jurisdiction. " 16,612 " Zillah Villages. 2,45,926	Rs 2,14,142 For Villages under Agency Jurisdiction. " 9,733 " Zillah villages. 2,23,875	¶ Mounted Police 20 Foot Police 50 ‖ Guns { 2 Serviceable. 2 Unserviceable	Grain and cotton are the principal articles of production. No manufacture nor mines	+ Includes Govt. Loan of Rs. 14,430 ¶ In mounted Police there are 7 vacancies. In foot police there are 15 vacancies. ‖ Really speaking one gun is serviceable for saluting purpose, the other one is a very small gun and is not used at all.

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Political Relation From II

No.	Name of individual State and family to which he belongs.	Residence	Present Position	Caste race or religion	Age.	How and where educated	How employed	Has Sanad authorizing adoption or not	Family follows primogeniture or not	Has male heir or not.	Remarks. Native era Christian era
1	Raol Shri Vakhatsinhji Meghrajji Gohil	Vala	ValaThakor Shri	Hindu Rajput	57	Rajkumar College, Rajkot	Ruling Chief	No	Yes	Yes	Asho Vad 4th St. 1919 30-10-1863
2	Gambhirsinhji Vakhatsinhji Gohil.	,,	Heir apparent	,,	31	Harrow School, England					Chaitra Vad 9/10th St. 1945 24-4-1889
3	Mangalsinhji Vakhatsinhji Gohil.	,,	Second son of the chief	,,	25	Wadhwan Girasia School					Ashad sud 4/5th St. 1951 26-6-1895
4	Kanaksinhji Mangalsinhji Gohil.	,,	1st son of K. S. Mangalsinhji	,,	8	...					Maha Sud 10th St. 1969 16-2-1913
5	Jasvatsinhji Mangalsinhji Gohil.	,,	2nd son of K. S. Mangalsinhji	,,	5	...					Chaitra Vad 10th St. 1971 9-4-1915
6	Ruttonji Pestonji Green Retired 2nd Grade Deputy Political Agent.	Surat (at present Vala)	Kamdar	Parsi	64	Matric from the Elphinstone High School, Bombay: also studied in the Grant Medical College, Bombay.					

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